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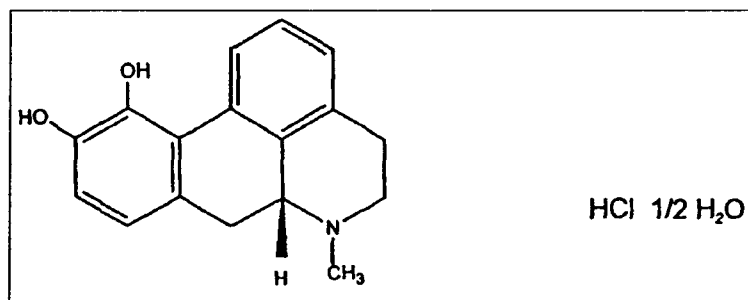
**PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

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 HFD # 120  
 Review completion date March 8, 2004

**Drug**

Trade name Apokyn  
 Generic name (list alphabetically) Apomorphine  
 Chemical name 4H-Dibenzo[de,g]quinoline-10,11-diol, 5,6,6a,7-tetrahydro-6-methyl-, hydrochloride, hemihydrate  
 CAS registry number 41372-20-7  
 Molecular formula/molecular weight  $C_{17}H_{17}NO_2 \cdot HCl \cdot 1/2 H_2O$  / 312.79  
 Structure



Relevant INDs/NDAs IND 52,844

Drug class Dopamine Agonist

Indication Parkinson's Disease

**Clinical formulation**

Vial -10 mg/ml apomorphine and 1 mg/ml sodium bisulfite

Cartridge- 10 mg/ml apomorphine, 1 mg/ml sodium bisulfite and 5 mg/ml benzyl alcohol

Route of administration Subcutaneous Injection 2-6 mg/dose up to five doses/day

Disclaimer Tabular and graphical information from sponsor's submission are identified as such

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The sponsor (Bertek Pharmaceuticals) is seeking approval of apomorphine for the treatment of acute off episodes in Parkinson's disease. The Division issued an Approvable Letter on July 2, 2003. In the Approvable Letter, the Division identified seven preclinical issues for the sponsor to address (see Appendix 1, page 13). Of these seven issues, three (carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats, reproductive toxicity battery, and in vivo micronucleus mouse test) were Phase IV issues. In this submission, the sponsor has committed to fulfilling these requests post approval. A timeline for completion of these studies needs to be determined.

A fourth issue (mass balance studies in mice, rats and monkeys) was initially designated as a pre-Approval issue, but was subsequently changed to a Phase IV commitment (see Appendix 2, page 14). The sponsor has committed to conducting a mass balance study in rats. The sponsor requested that the requirement for mass balance studies in mice and monkeys be dropped. The sponsor argues that since they have not conducted studies in mice, there is no need for a mouse mass balance study. However, as noted in the previous paragraph, the sponsor has committed to conducting a carcinogenicity study in mice. A mass balance study is needed to assess the implications of this study for humans. This reviewer recommends that the requirement for a mouse mass balance study be retained. The sponsor also requested that the requirement for the monkey study should be dropped. They argue that a mass balance study (Project 152024) submitted in the original NDA fulfilled this requirement. This study was reviewed on page 9 of the original NDA review (where it was listed as Report 8962) and found inadequate. The plasma levels of radioactivity were too low to permit identification of metabolites, which is the primary reason for requesting these studies. This reviewer recommends that the requirement for a monkey mass balance study be retained.

The fifth issue to resolve was the need for a hERG channel assay. The sponsor has conducted the hERG channel assay and a dog Purkinje fiber assay (which was not requested by the Division). Apomorphine inhibits the hERG channel with an  $IC_{50}$  of 0.127  $\mu$ M. No effects on Action Potential Duration in dog Purkinje fibers were noted at doses up to 1  $\mu$ M. Higher doses should have been used in this study. The sponsor also submitted a review of the cardiovascular effects of apomorphine by a consultant. A portion of his review (Section 6) was essentially identical to the original Bertek review dated March 2, 2002 (pages 5-1-95 to 5-1-97). Using a comparison of the levels causing hERG channel prolongation and clinical apomorphine concentrations, it was concluded that apomorphine has minimal potential for prolonging the QT interval in patients. However, it is not acceptable to compare in vivo and in vitro concentrations in this manner. It is the FDA and ICH position that a positive test result in an assay, such as the hERG assay, raises concerns about potential QT prolongation that requires careful study in humans.

The sixth issue to resolve was the CMC specifications for certain impurities were above the level of qualification. The sponsor was requested to either lower the CMC specifications or conduct toxicological studies to qualify the impurities. The sponsor has lowered the specifications for the impurities so that they are below the level of qualification. This issue is considered resolved.

The final issue was for the sponsor to review the toxicity of Tigan. Tigan is an anti-emetic taken to treat the nausea induced by apomorphine. Tigan is only taken during the first few months of therapy with apomorphine. The sponsor has submitted a summary of available data on Tigan. Only limited data are available on the preclinical toxicity of Tigan. The sponsor concluded that the available data do not support or preclude long-term dosing in humans at

therapeutic dose levels. This reviewer agrees that the available data do not suggest any serious concerns about the use of Tigan. However, the data are inadequate to support the use of Tigan. Specifically, there are no repeat dose oral toxicity studies or genotoxicity studies available on this compound.

If the sponsor agrees to these recommendations, then the preclinical studies are adequate support the Approval of this application.

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**SAFETY PHARMACOLOGY-CARDIOVASCULAR*****Effects of Dopamine, Apomorphine, and Ropinirole on Cloned hERG Channels expressed in Mammalian Cells***

Bertek Study Report #018-002

The effect of apomorphine (0.03, 0.1, 0.3 and 1  $\mu$ M) on the hERG channel in transfected HEK293 cells was examined. Haloperidol was the positive control.

**Apomorphine Inhibition of hERG current**

Concentration ( $\mu$ M)	N	Mean Inhibition	SEM
0.03	3	17.6%	1.0%
0.1	3	49.4%	1.5%
0.3	6	67.0%	5.8%
1.0	3	91.5%	3.0%

The IC<sub>50</sub> was 0.127  $\mu$ M.

100  $\mu$ M Dopamine did not significantly alter the hERG channel.

The IC<sub>50</sub> for ropinirole was 1.214  $\mu$ M.

At 0.1  $\mu$ M, haloperidol inhibited the hERG channel by 91.6%.

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### ***Effects of Apomorphine, Dopamine and Ropinirole on Action Potential in Isolated Canine Cardiac Purkinje Fibers***

Bertek Study Report #018-003

The effect of apomorphine (0.01, 0.1 and 1  $\mu$ M) on isolated dog purkinje fiber cells was examined. Sotalol (100  $\mu$ M) was the positive control.

**Table 1 Summary of the Effects of Apomorphine on Action Potential Parameters at 2 s, 1s and 0.5s BCL's**

2 s BCL					
	APD <sub>60</sub> , $\Delta\%$	APD <sub>90</sub> , $\Delta\%$	RMP, $\Delta$ mV	APA, $\Delta$ mV	Vmax, $\Delta\%$
Concentration	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M
0.01 $\mu$ M	-6.2 $\pm$ 6.9	-4.5 $\pm$ 6.4	-2.8 $\pm$ 3.1	4.6 $\pm$ 6.9	15.8 $\pm$ 9.1
0.1 $\mu$ M	-11.7 $\pm$ 6.3	-9.8 $\pm$ 5.5	-1.8 $\pm$ 2.0	4.7 $\pm$ 6.5	6.0 $\pm$ 8.2
1 $\mu$ M	-0.5 $\pm$ 6.0	0.0 $\pm$ 4.8	-1.5 $\pm$ 1.2	3.0 $\pm$ 5.2	3.6 $\pm$ 8.3

1s BCL					
	APD <sub>60</sub> , $\Delta\%$	APD <sub>90</sub> , $\Delta\%$	RMP, $\Delta$ mV	APA, $\Delta$ mV	Vmax, $\Delta\%$
Concentration	Mean $\pm$	Mean $\pm$	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M
0.01 $\mu$ M	-0.6 $\pm$ 3.9	-0.3 $\pm$ 4.2	-3.2 $\pm$ 3.3	6.5 $\pm$ 8.1	13.0 $\pm$ 14.5
0.1 $\mu$ M	-7.9 $\pm$ 3.4*	-6.7 $\pm$ 3.4	-1.7 $\pm$ 2.1	7.1 $\pm$ 8.3	12.7 $\pm$ 11.7
1 $\mu$ M	1.0 $\pm$ 4.9	1.4 $\pm$ 4.0	-2.9 $\pm$ 2.5	8.1 $\pm$ 8.4	12.9 $\pm$ 12.6

0.5 s BCL					
	APD <sub>60</sub> , $\Delta\%$	APD <sub>90</sub> , $\Delta\%$	RMP, $\Delta$ mV	APA, $\Delta$ mV	Vmax, $\Delta\%$
Concentration	Mean $\pm$	Mean $\pm$	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M	Mean $\pm$ S.E.M
0.01 $\mu$ M	-1.2 $\pm$ 2.5	0.7 $\pm$ 2.9	-3.8 $\pm$ 4.0	9.5 $\pm$ 8.8	18.1 $\pm$ 13.2
0.1 $\mu$ M	-5.3 $\pm$ 1.6	-4.0 $\pm$ 1.9	-2.5 $\pm$ 2.8	9.0 $\pm$ 8.7	17.7 $\pm$ 10.1
1 $\mu$ M	-0.2 $\pm$ 2.8	2.0 $\pm$ 2.9	-3.7 $\pm$ 3.0	10.1 $\pm$ 8.9	19.8 $\pm$ 13.8

BCL, Basic Cycle Length, APD<sub>60</sub> and APD<sub>90</sub>, action potential duration measured at 60% and 90% repolarization,  $\Delta\%$ , Percent change from baseline values,  $\Delta$ mV absolute change from baseline in millivolts, NA, not applicable, RMP, resting membrane potential, APA, action potential amplitude, Vmax, maximum rate of depolarization \* Denotes statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$ ) when compared to the vehicle control sequence

Figure 1, from page 22 of Report 018-003

**Table 4 Summary of the Effects of Vehicle control on Action Potential Parameters at 2 s, 1s and 0.5s BCL's**

Vehicle Control Sequence	2 s BCL				
	APD <sub>60</sub> , Δ%	APD <sub>90</sub> , Δ%	RMP, ΔmV	APA, ΔmV	Vmax, Δ%
	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M
1	-0.5 ± 0.6	-1.1 ± 0.8	2.1 ± 1.3	2.5 ± 2.5	8.9 ± 12.6
2	3.9 ± 1.9	2.2 ± 1.2	-2.5 ± 0.8	0.5 ± 1.3	1.3 ± 6.1
3	5.1 ± 2.9	4.1 ± 2.0	2.4 ± 0.8	7.3 ± 4.1	24.5 ± 18.9

Vehicle Control Sequence	1 s BCL				
	APD <sub>60</sub> , Δ%	APD <sub>90</sub> , Δ%	RMP, ΔmV	APA, ΔmV	Vmax, Δ%
	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M
1	-1.5 ± 1.2	-1.4 ± 0.7	-0.7 ± 1.0	-1.6 ± 4.1	5.6 ± 13.0
2	1.7 ± 1.4	0.5 ± 0.9	-2.0 ± 0.9	-0.4 ± 1.1	-2.5 ± 6.1
3	3.7 ± 2.3	2.8 ± 2.1	2.1 ± 0.8	5.7 ± 3.4	13.3 ± 7.0

Vehicle Control Sequence	0.5 s BCL				
	APD <sub>60</sub> , Δ%	APD <sub>90</sub> , Δ%	RMP, ΔmV	APA, ΔmV	Vmax, Δ%
	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M
1	-0.6 ± 2.9	-0.5 ± 2.5	-0.7 ± 0.7	-1.5 ± 3.7	-2.0 ± 17.1
2	0.6 ± 1.9	0.2 ± 1.6	-1.0 ± 1.0	1.8 ± 1.3	7.6 ± 7.2
3	3.1 ± 2.1	2.5 ± 1.7	-1.7 ± 0.8	6.0 ± 3.3	12.0 ± 5.0

BCL, Basic Cycle Length, APD<sub>60</sub> and APD<sub>90</sub>, action potential duration measured at 60% and 90% repolarization Δ% Percent change from baseline values ΔmV, absolute change from baseline in millivolts, NA, not applicable, RMP, resting membrane potential APA, action potential amplitude, Vmax, maximum rate of depolarization.

**Table 5 Summary of the Effects of 100 μM *dl*-sotalol on Action Potential Parameters**

	APD <sub>60</sub> , Δ%	APD <sub>90</sub> , Δ%	RMP, ΔmV	APA, ΔmV	Vmax, Δ%
BCL (s)	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M	Mean ± S.E.M
2	69.5 ± 22.2*	67.5 ± 22.8*	1.3 ± 1.3*	10.7 ± 11.2	-19.7 ± 19.2
1	49.1 ± 9.3*	50.6 ± 11.8*	1.4 ± 1.8*	4.9 ± 5.4	21.1 ± 18.9
0.5	28.7 ± 2.7	30.8 ± 4.3*	2.7 ± 1.9	1.3 ± 5.0	-27.7 ± 17.5

BCL, Basic Cycle Length, APD<sub>60</sub> and APD<sub>90</sub>, action potential duration measured at 60% and 90% repolarization, Δ%, Percent change from baseline values, ΔmV, absolute change from baseline in millivolts, NA, not applicable, RMP, resting membrane potential, APA, action potential amplitude, Vmax, maximum rate of depolarization \* APD<sub>60</sub> and APD<sub>90</sub> were statistically ( $p < 0.05$ ) more prolonged when compared to the vehicle control sequence

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Figure 2, from page 25 of Report 018-003



## OVERALL SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

### *Drug History*

Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disease characterized by bradykinesia, muscular rigidity, resting tremors and postural instability. The disease can progress to a rigid akinetic state in which the patient is incapable of taking care of himself. Pathologically, Parkinson's disease is characterized by a progressive loss of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra resulting in decreased dopaminergic tone. Since the cause of this loss is unknown at present, current therapy for Parkinson's disease utilizes substances that increase dopaminergic tone (e.g., levodopa, ropinerole, pramipexole) or increase the amount of dopamine available at the receptor site (e.g., COMT inhibitors, MAO-B inhibitors). Despite the use of these drugs, patients may still experience "off" episodes in which their muscle movement is slow or frozen. These off episodes are thought to be the result of deficient dopaminergic tone.

Apomorphine is a dopamine agonist which was discovered in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Due in part to its rapid metabolism, it has not been used in the United States for maintenance treatment of Parkinson's disease. The sponsor is proposing that subcutaneously injected apomorphine would be a safe and effective treatment of acute off states in patients with Parkinson's disease. The sponsor submitted their initial application on January 2, 2003. The FDA issued an Approvable Letter on July 2, 2003. Seven preclinical issues were raised in this Letter (see page 13). The sponsor submitted its response to these issues on October 17, 2003. In addition, revised label language was submitted on December 23, 2003.

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### ***Cardiovascular Issues***

At the time of sponsor's original NDA submission (May 6, 2002), the sponsor had not conducted any preclinical cardiovascular safety pharmacology studies. Instead, the sponsor submitted reports from the open scientific literature to address this issue. This reviewer reviewed these studies and concluded that the studies were inadequate to determine whether apomorphine had the potential to affect ECG parameters. This reviewer did not recommend that cardiovascular safety pharmacology studies be conducted since he believed that there was sufficient clinical data to obviate the need for additional preclinical studies. In subsequent discussions, it became evident that the clinical data were not sufficient to address this concern. The sponsor was therefore asked to conduct a hERG channel assay prior to approval to determine whether apomorphine has the potential to affect the QT interval. In this submission, the sponsor submitted studies on the hERG channel and dog Purkinje fibers. The sponsor also submitted a report by \_\_\_\_\_ summarizing the cardiovascular studies conducted to date on apomorphine.

Apomorphine inhibited the hERG channel with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 0.127  $\mu$ M. There was approximately 90% inhibition at 1  $\mu$ M apomorphine. This indicates that apomorphine has the potential to prolong the QT interval.

In contrast, apomorphine did not prolong the action potential duration in dog Purkinje cells at concentrations up to 1  $\mu$ M. Higher doses should have been used to more fully examine apomorphine's potential to affect the action potential in this system. The positive control (dlsotalol) inhibited the action potential while the vehicle control had no effect on the action potential.

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ reviewed the available literature on the cardiovascular effects of apomorphine. Most of the studies had been previously submitted. Indeed, a portion of his review (section 6) is virtually identical to the original Bertek review dated March 2, 2002 (pages 5-1-95 to 5-1-97). He did refer to an unpublished study using isolated perfused guinea pig heart preparation. His results indicate that the heart rate was slowed at 10  $\mu$ M and the QTc(F) was prolonged at 100  $\mu$ M, but the data were not submitted. In the absence of the actual data, it is impossible to judge the adequacy and interpretation of these data. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ also compares the in vitro concentrations which inhibit the hERG channel to the clinical apomorphine concentrations. He concludes that there is an adequate margin of safety (four-fold) between the in vitro concentration and the potential clinical concentration to that there is a minimal risk of QT prolongation in patients. However, it is not appropriate to compare in vivo and in vitro concentrations in this manner. In vitro studies indicate whether there is potential for a problem (hazard identification), but the results should not be directly compared to plasma levels.

In conclusion, apomorphine inhibits the hERG channel, but did not affect the action potential duration in dog Purkinje fibers at doses up to 1  $\mu$ M. The guidelines state that "Any non-antiarrhythmic pharmaceutical that blocks repolarizing ionic currents in nonclinical studies should be considered to pose a risk to humans."<sup>1</sup> It is concluded that apomorphine has the potential to affect the QT interval. The clinical reviewer will need to determine whether a clinical study will be needed to assess the potential effects of apomorphine on the QT interval.

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<sup>1</sup> ICH Steering Committee (2002) Safety Pharmacology Studies for Assessing the Potential for Delayed Ventricular Repolarization (AT Interval Prolongation) by Human Pharmaceuticals [DRAFT] Page 6

***Sponsor Response to Phase IV Commitments***

The Approvable letter identified three sets of studies for the sponsor to perform as Phase IV commitments (carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats, reproductive toxicity battery, and in vivo micronucleus mouse test). The sponsor has committed to fulfilling these requests post approval, although they did not identify a timeline for fulfilling these commitments.

Mass balance studies in mice, rats and monkeys were initially designated as a pre-Approval issue, but was subsequently changed to a Phase IV commitment (see Appendix 2, page 14). The sponsor has committed to conducting a mass balance study in rats. The sponsor requested that the requirement for mass balance studies in mice and monkeys be dropped. The sponsor argues that since they have not conducted studies in mice, there is no need for a mouse mass balance study. However, as noted in the previous paragraph, the sponsor has committed to conducting a carcinogenicity study in mice. A mass balance study is needed to assess the implications of this study for humans. This reviewer recommends that the requirement for a mouse mass balance study be retained. The sponsor also requested that the requirement for the monkey study should be dropped. They argue that a mass balance study ( — Project 152024) submitted in the original NDA fulfilled this requirement. This study was reviewed on page 9 of the original NDA review (where it was listed as — Report 8962) and found inadequate. The plasma levels of radioactivity were too low to permit identification of metabolites, which is the primary reason for requesting these studies. This reviewer recommends that the requirement for a monkey mass balance study be retained.

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***Other Issues-Impurities, Tigan and Label***

One issue to resolve was the CMC specifications for certain impurities were above the level of qualification. The sponsor was requested to either lower the CMC specifications or conduct toxicological studies to qualify the impurities. The sponsor has lowered the specifications for the impurities so that they are below the level of qualification. This issue is considered resolved.

The sponsor was asked to evaluate the preclinical studies on Tigan. Tigan is an anti-emetic which is approved for acute use in the United States for the treatment of peri-operative nausea and nausea associated with gastroenteritis. Since apomorphine is an emetic, it is recommended that patients taking apomorphine also take an anti-emetic, such as Tigan, until the patients adapt to apomorphine. This could take two to three months. The sponsor submitted a review by \_\_\_\_\_ (Independent Consultant in Toxicology). Only limited data were available. The only oral toxicity data available were reproductive toxicity studies in which rats were exposed through two mating cycles. In these studies, rats were administered up to 100 mg/kg/day without any adverse effects on reproductive outcome. Multiple dose studies using intravenous or intramuscular administration in rats (IM only), rabbits (IV only), dogs and monkeys did not identify any signs of toxicity. The high dose in the IV studies were 30 mg/kg and 100 mg/kg in the IM studies. The sponsor concluded that the limited data do not support or preclude long-term dosing in humans at therapeutic dose levels. This reviewer agrees that the available data do not raise any major concerns about the use of Tigan. However, the available data are inadequate to support the longer term use of Tigan. Specifically, there is a lack of repeat dose toxicity studies and genotoxicity studies on Tigan.

This reviewer has examined the revisions to the proposed labeling submitted by the sponsor on December 23, 2003. The sponsor has incorporated the Agency's recommended changes to the preclinical section of the label. This reviewer has no changes to recommend to the present label.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the sponsor be asked to commit to conducting mass balance studies in monkeys and mice as recommended in the original Approvable Letter. In addition, the sponsor should commit to a timeline to completing the recommended Phase IV commitments in a timely manner. Provided the sponsor agrees to these commitments, the available preclinical data are sufficient to approve this NDA.

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## APPENDIX 1: PHARMACOLOGY / TOXICOLOGY COMMENTS FROM THE APPROVABLE LETTER

### PHARMACOLOGY / TOXICOLOGY

1. You will need to assess the carcinogenic potential of apomorphine by conducting carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats post-approval.
2. You will need to conduct and submit the reproductive toxicity studies specified in ICH guidelines; you may submit the results of these studies post approval.
3. You have set specifications for two degradants that are above the threshold of qualification. If you are unable to lower the specification for these products, you will need to conduct qualification studies of the degradants prior to approval of the drug product.

Figure 3, from Page 3 of the July 2, 2003 Approvable Letter

4. Prior to approval, you will need to conduct and submit results of an in vitro HLRG channel assay in which you have examined effects of a wide range of apomorphine doses. You should include positive and negative drug controls in each assay.
5. As a phase 4 commitment, we ask that you repeat the in vivo micronucleus test using a multiple dosing regimen which would more closely resemble the intended clinical use.
6. You should determine the metabolism of apomorphine by conducting mass balance studies in mice, rats and monkeys; this should be done prior to approval.
7. Finally, we ask that you review the preclinical literature for information supporting the safety of Tigan administered chronically.

Figure 4, from Page 4 of July 2, 2003 Approvable Letter

**APPENDIX 2: AUGUST 7, 2003 MEETING MINUTES**

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**MEMORANDUM OF TELECON****DATE:** August 7, 2003**APPLICATION NUMBER** NDA 21-264 Apomorphine Injection**BETWEEN**

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**SUBJECT** Timing of Mass Balance Studies Requested in the Approvable Letter**BACKGROUND:**

In a July 11, 2003 submission, the sponsor requested a telecon to discuss the Toxicology and Clinical Pharmacology requests for mass balance studies prior to approval as stated in the Agency's July 2, 2003 approvable letter. Bertek Pharmaceuticals provided posters along with an argument in an August 1, 2003 submission in support of their position to conduct the mass balance study post approval.

Additionally, this August 1, 2003 submission requested guidance on (1) the Agency's acceptance of an algorithm to use in defining a specific off as either an end-of-dose or a spontaneous off, and (2) acceptance of December 31, 2002 as the new cut-off date for the safety update and June 30, 2003 as the cut-off date for serious adverse events.

**DISCUSSION:****Mass Balance Study**

- Bertek stated that the completion of the mass balance study would be from 6- 9 months in total. Six to 12 weeks is required to develop the isotope and about 6 months to conduct the study.

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- Bertek expects to completely reply to the approvable letter in late September 2003 if the Division agrees that the mass balance studies data can be provided at a later date.
- Previously, Bertek believed that, based on old and faulty techniques, auto-oxidation is the major metabolic elimination path, but currently Bertek no longer believes that auto-oxidation is the major metabolic pathway

**Use of Proposed Algorithm for Characterizing Treatment of "Off" Relative to Dosing Interval**

- The Division had questions about proposed algorithm
- There was some discussion about defining end of dose "off" relative to the length of the dosing interval and not just in terms of absolute time (i.e., one hour pre next dose)

**Cut-off Date Changes to Safety Update and Serious Adverse Event**

- The Division accepts the change in the cut-off date for the safety update from May 31, 2002 to December 31, 2002 and accepts the new Serious Adverse Event report cut-off date June 30, 2003

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1 Bertek will provide as much information as available regarding plasma metabolite data, and an argument explaining why auto-oxidation is incorrect and why the studies represented in the posters are accurate
- 2 Since a mass balance study will take almost a year to conduct, it may be acceptable to accept these data post approval. Bertek should provide a time line for completion of this study.
- 3 The Division will present this concern to the Office Director, Dr. Temple.

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# MEMORANDUM

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Public Health Service Food and Drug Administration

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### Division of Neuropharmacological Drug Products (HFD-120) Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Date 6/18/2003

From Lois M. Freed, Ph.D.  
Supervisory Pharmacologist

Subject NDA 21-264

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The nonclinical data submitted in support of NDA 21-264 (apomorphine HCl s.c.) were reviewed by Paul Roney, Ph.D., D.A.B.T. (Pharmacology/Toxicology Review and Evaluation, 6/18/2003). Nonclinical studies included the following: limited PK/ADME data, general toxicology (13- and 26-week s.c. studies in Sprague-Dawley rat, 13-week combination [apomorphine + levodopa/carbidopa] study in Sprague-Dawley rat, 13- and 39-week s.c. studies in cynomolgus monkey), genetic toxicology (Ames, *in vitro* mouse lymphoma, *in vitro* chromosomal aberration in human lymphocytes, *in vivo* micronucleus assay in CD-1 mouse, *in vivo/in vitro* UDS in Wistar rat). No reproductive and developmental toxicology or carcinogenicity studies were conducted; the sponsor included a request for a waiver of requirements for these studies in the NDA submission. It is Dr. Roney's recommendation that the NDA not be approved based on the lack of reproduction and carcinogenicity studies.

The sponsor's request for waiver of carcinogenicity study requirements was based on the seriousness of the indication, the average age of the patient population (>65 yrs), the relatively short duration of treatment (5-6 yrs), and the lack of positive findings in the *in vivo* genotoxicity assays. The sponsor also noted that "at least four" carcinogenicity studies have already been conducted (26-week study in p53+/- heterozygous mouse, 18-month study in mouse, 22-month study in male rats, 23-month study in female rats), and that three of these studies have been reviewed by the FDA and presented at an advisory committee meeting (Advisory Committee Meeting of the Urology Subcommittee for Reproductive Health Drugs, April 10, 2000, transcripts and briefing material are available to the public via the CDER internet site). Dr. Roney did not find the sponsor's basis for a waiver compelling and recommended that the sponsor conduct carcinogenicity studies in mouse and rat prior to approval.

The lack of positive findings in the *in vivo* genotoxicity assays, the anticipated duration of treatment (5-6 yrs), and average age of the patient population are not compelling reasons for a waiver of carcinogenicity studies. In the waiver request, the sponsor noted the lack of positive findings in the *in vivo* genotoxicity studies, but did not discuss the reproducible positive findings (in the absence and presence of metabolic activation) in numerous *in vitro* genotoxicity studies (i.e., Ames, mouse lymphoma, chromosomal aberration in human lymphocytes). The lack of positive findings in the *in vivo* genotoxicity studies does not diminish the concern regarding the

positive *in vitro* findings or concern regarding carcinogenic potential. The sponsor's anticipated duration of treatment (5-6 yrs) is consistent with the need for carcinogenicity studies. According to the ICH S1A guidance (Guidance for Industry: The Need for Long-term Rodent Carcinogenicity Studies of Pharmaceuticals, ICH S1A March 1996), carcinogenicity studies are needed for pharmaceuticals intended to be used chronically for  $\geq 6$  mo or to be used intermittently for a chronic indication (e.g., depression, anxiety). The guidance does state that a short life-expectancy may be a reason for waiving the requirement for carcinogenicity studies, however, "short" is defined as "less than 2 to 3 years." Granting a waiver solely on the basis of the (potentially) advanced age of the patient population would not be consistent with current practice within the Division since carcinogenicity studies are routinely required prior to approval for drugs intended to treat Alzheimer's disease, an indication almost exclusively involving older patients.

Dr. Roney is correct in pointing out that the

the following carcinogenicity studies were conducted: 25-wk s.c. study in p53+/- transgenic mice, 22-month s.c. study in male rats, 24-month s.c. study in female rats. In the p53+/- study,

no increase in the incidence of systemic tumors were observed in apomorphine-treated animals. The primary tumor finding was subcutaneous sarcomas at the injection site. The incidence was 0/30, 22/30, 27/30, 26/30, and 24/30 in untreated C, vehicle C, LD, MD, and HD, respectively. It was concluded that the finding was not considered drug-related due to the similar incidence in vehicle C animals, and published studies suggesting an increased susceptibility of p53+/- transgenic mice to sarcomas of the skin "at the site of chronic mild irritation" (As noted in Blanchard *et al.* [Blanchard KT *et al.* *Toxicol Path* 27(5):519-527, 1999] reported an increase in subcutaneous sarcomas in heterozygous p53+/- transgenic mice at the site of implantation of radio transponder identification devices).

According to the 22-month study in male Sprague-Dawley rat was conducted using doses of 0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.8, and 2.0 mg/kg/day s.c. Dosing was discontinued in the high-dose group at Wk 26 due to "excessive behavioral alterations", high-dose animals remained on-study and were sacrificed at Wk 97, when all groups were sacrificed due to excessive mortality in the vehicle C group. There was a significant increase in skin (injection site) fibromas and testicular interstitial cell adenomas. The interstitial cell tumors were considered "secondary to hormonal imbalance (decreased prolactin, increased LH)", however, the hormone data were not completely consistent with this mechanism. The data are summarized below:

#### Neoplastic Findings in Apomorphine Treated Male Rats vs. Vehicle control

Tissue/Finding	Vehicle Gp 2	0.1 mkd Gp 3	0.3 mkd Gp 4	0.8 mkd Gp 5	P-value
Pituitary, Adenoma	42	47	41	31**	P < 0.001
Skin/fibroma	3/70	1/69	2/70	7/69	P < 0.03
Testes/ Interstitial cell tumor	0/70	0/69	3/69	9/70	P < 0.001

#### Neoplastic Findings in Apomorphine Treated Male Rats vs. Untreated control

Tissue/Finding	Untreated Gp 1	0.1 mkd Gp 3	0.3 mkd Gp 4	0.8 mkd Gp 5	P-value
Skin/fibroma	1/68	1/69	2/70	7/69	P < 0.005
Testes/ Interstitial cell tumor	3/70	0/69	3/69	9/70	P < 0.003

The 24-month study in female Sprague-Dawley rat was conducted using doses of 0.1, 0.3, 0.8, and 2 mg/kg/day s.c. Dosing of the LD group was discontinued prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> month without evaluation. The study was terminated during Wk 100 due to excessive mortality in the vehicle C group. The incidence of injection site (subcutaneous) sarcoma was significantly increased at the high dose. The data were summarized in the following table.

#### Neoplastic Findings in Apomorphine Treated Female Rats vs. Vehicle control

Tissue/Finding	Vehicle Gp 2	0.3 mkd Gp 3	0.8 mkd Gp 4	2 mkd Gp 5	P-value
Mammary Adenoma	3	4	10*	5	P < 0.05
Skin/ subcutaneous sarcoma	1	0	3	6**	P < 0.002

According to [redacted] review, the concentration of apomorphine used in the female rat carcinogenicity study was 1 mg/mL, the concentration of apomorphine in the to-be-marketed formulation is 10 mg/mL. Therefore, there is no margin of safety between the concentration used in the female rat and that to be administered to humans.

In addition to the studies in p53<sup>±</sup> transgenic mice and male and female rats, the sponsor noted that an 18-mo carcinogenicity study in mouse has been conducted. However, no review of, or reference, to an 18-month mouse carcinogenicity study of apomorphine was found.

The significant increase in injection site sarcomas was dismissed [redacted] during the reviewing NDA [redacted] because the clinical route of administration was sublingual, not subcutaneous. However, for this NDA the clinical route is subcutaneous and, therefore, this finding is clinically relevant. These data, in conjunction with the positive findings in the *in vitro* genotoxicity assays (Ames, mouse lymphoma, chromosomal aberration in human lymphocytes) in the absence and presence of metabolic activation, increase the concern regarding the carcinogenic potential of apomorphine.

[redacted] If the tumor finding (i.e., injection site sarcomas) observed in carcinogenicity study in female rats [redacted] is allowed to be included in labeling for Bertek's product, then it is recommended that the mouse and rat carcinogenicity studies be conducted as a Phase 4 commitment, with a definite timetable for completion and full study submission. However, if the tumor finding cannot be referred to in labeling, then it is recommended that the carcinogenicity studies be conducted prior to approval.

(In addition to the tumor finding in the carcinogenicity study in female rats — there was an increase in retinal atrophy in males at doses of 0.1-0.8 mg/kg and in females at doses of 0.3-2.0 mg/kg. This finding has been reported with other dopamine agonists. Dr. Feeney requested that the retinal finding be included in the safety evaluation of Bertek's NDA, therefore, it has been included in the proposed labeling.)

### Reproduction studies

The sponsor's basis for waiver of reproduction study requirements is as follows: (a) "the seriousness of the disease state that is intended to be treated (i.e., late stage Parkinson's disease)", (b) "the age and reproductive capacity of the patient population for which this drug is to be indicated", the "approximated age of the patient population is greater than 73 years old", (c) "previous literature that reports the findings of reproductive studies (Segment I) performed with apomorphine via the subcutaneous route", (d) the lack of positive findings in a number of *in vivo* genotoxicity studies (i.e., "mouse micronucleus and rat unscheduled DNA synthesis tests") "at concentrations approximately 35 times greater than the maximum possible systemic dose in human based on a mg/kg comparison".

The sponsor noted that the approximate age of the intended patient population is >73 years and that "The debilitating nature of late-stage Parkinson's disease" would severely limit sexual activity. In a brief summary of the results of the published Segment I study, the sponsor pointed out that "No adverse effects were noted" on a number of reproductive parameters, including reproductive organ weight (i.e., testicular, epididymal and prostate), sperm assessments, fertility indices, or on fetal viability.

Dr. Roney did not find the sponsor's basis for a waiver of reproduction studies compelling. He noted the following: (a) reproduction studies have been required prior to approval for other drugs for serious indications (e.g., AIDS, cancer, organ rejection), reproduction studies were required for COMTAM<sup>®</sup>, a drug "indicated for prevention of end of dose 'off' episodes", (b) reproduction studies have been waived for drugs belonging to a class known to produce "severe effects on the developing embryo/fetus", however, this does not apply to apomorphine, (c) the intended patient population is not limited to individuals without reproductive potential, (d) the published Segment I study does not provide sufficient information to allow an adequate review and the study report is not in the public domain, (e) the results of the *in vivo* genotoxicity studies are not an adequate substitute for reproduction studies.

Dr. Roney noted that "The age of onset for Parkinson's disease is between 20 and 80" and "the minimum ages in [the sponsor's] four clinical trials were 38, 42, 45, and 46 years of age". Dr. Roney also noted that the sponsor's clinical database included patients who were not severely affected (i.e., "the sponsor studies inclusion criteria include Hoehn-Yahr stage of at least 2") and that "new therapies are available for treatment of sexual dysfunction, thus, allowing the reproductively active period to be extended. Dr. Roney recommended that the sponsor submit a full battery of reproduction studies prior to approval or

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Regarding the issue of the need for reproductive toxicology studies, the sponsor's basis for waiver of these studies is similar to that for a waiver of carcinogenicity studies. However, the sponsor emphasized the relatively advanced age of the patient population that, in conjunction with the severity of the disease state, would severely limit the potential for reproduction. The sponsor did cite a published Segment I study (Yousseff *et al.* *Toxicol Sci* 51:273-279, 1999),

however, as correctly noted by Dr Roney, a published study does not usually (as in this case) provide sufficient information to allow for an adequate review of the data (Also as noted by Dr Roney, the sponsor does not have [redacted] and the report is not in the public domain ) Even if adequate, a Segment I (i.e., mating and fertility) study would not constitute a complete assessment of drug-related effects on reproductive parameters

(In the published mating and fertility study [Yousseff *et al*, 1999], there appeared to be a decrease in the fertility index in male rats treated subcutaneously with apomorphine at a dose of 2 mg/kg. Although this published report did not provide sufficient detail [e.g., individual line listings] to allow for an adequate review, the effect on the fertility index should be included in labeling.)

Dr Roney disagreed with the sponsor's assessment of the reproductive potential of the intended patient population. The sponsor estimates the "approximated age" of the target population for apomorphine to be 73 yrs. However, data provided by the sponsor at the request of the FDA (e-mail, letter date 5/28/03) indicated that the mean age of all patients treated with apomorphine in clinical trials was 64-65 yrs (range 38-99 yrs, 25<sup>th</sup> percentile 57-58 yrs). According to Dr Roney, at least four patients were <50 yrs of age (i.e., 38, 42, 45, and 46 yrs). It has been estimated that as many as 10% of PD patients have onset of symptoms prior to age 40 yrs (Hoehn *MMM Neurology Clinics* 10(2) 331-339, 1992), and that on-off episodes may begin within a few years of onset of symptoms or initiation of treatment with L-dopa (e.g., Shoulson *I et al Ann Neurol* 44(Suppl 1) S160-S166, 1998). (The indication described in the sponsor's package insert for apomorphine does not limit the age of the patient population.)

Of the anti-PD medications marketed, COMTAN<sup>®</sup> would appear to have an indication most similar to that proposed for apomorphine. COMTAN<sup>®</sup> (NDA 20-796, approved 10/19/99) was approved as "an adjunct to levodopa/carbidopa to treat patients with idiopathic Parkinson's Disease who experience the signs and symptoms of end-of-dose 'wearing-off'". The labeling for COMTAN<sup>®</sup> further states that "Comtan's effectiveness has not been systematically evaluated in patients with idiopathic Parkinson's Disease who do not experience end-of-dose 'wearing-off'". The age range of PD patients treated in controlled and uncontrolled clinical trials submitted in support of the NDA (20-796) was ≈30-80 yrs (mean ≈ 65 yrs). Of those exposed to long-term treatment, 55% were <65 and 45% were >65% (according to the clinical review of NDA 20-796). This proportion was considered representative of the intended patient population. It would seem, therefore, that PD patients with "off" episodes (i.e., patients who might be treated with apomorphine) may include individuals within a fairly wide age range. [Two-year carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats and a complete battery of reproduction studies were required prior to approval for COMTAN<sup>®</sup>.]

Based on the available information, it is recommended that the sponsor conduct a full battery of reproduction studies (cf. Guideline for Industry--Detection of Toxicity to Reproduction for Medicinal Products, ICH-S5A Sept 1994) for apomorphine. It is also recommended that these studies be conducted prior to approval, unless it is determined that apomorphine fulfills an unmet clinical need that warrants approval without data on potential reproductive toxicity. If reproduction studies are to be conducted phase 4, it is recommended that a deadline be set for completion of the complete battery of studies.

## Other Issues

Dr Roney concluded that the sponsor did not provide adequate data on the metabolism of apomorphine in the animal species used in the definitive nonclinical safety studies (i.e., rat, monkey, mouse). Circulating levels of parent compound and/or metabolites were not quantitated in the *in vivo* PK/ADME studies conducted by the sponsor. (Plasma exposure to parent compound was quantitated in the 13-wk subchronic toxicity studies in rat and monkey, but not in either of the chronic toxicity studies. In the 13-wk study in rat, only one time point was sampled [i.e., no AUC data]. No PK/ADME/TK data were provided for mouse.) There would also appear to be a lack of metabolism data in humans, in particular a lack of data on the major circulating metabolites. Without these data it is difficult to assess the relevance of the animal models for assessing human risk. The sponsor was informed during a pre-NDA meeting (12/10/99) that there was a "need for adequate data on the pharmacokinetics and metabolism of apomorphine in the animal species used for toxicity testing." Dr Roney concluded that "mass balance studies in mice, rats and monkeys" may be conducted Phase 4. However, considering the importance of these data in the interpretation of the nonclinical studies, it is recommended that quantitative data on parent compound and major circulating metabolites in the nonclinical animal species used in the definitive safety studies and in human be submitted prior to approval.

I concur with Dr Roney's recommendation regarding the two degradants in the drug product [ ] and the need to repeat (Phase 4) the *in vivo* micronucleus assay in mouse and the 13-wk combination toxicity study in rats.

#### Recommended labeling

## CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### Mechanism of Action

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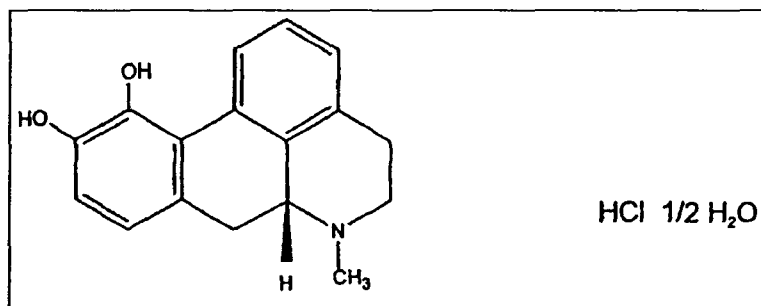
**PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

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**Drug**

Trade name —  
Generic name (list alphabetically) Apomorphine  
Chemical name 4H-Dibenzo[de,g]quinoline-10,11-diol, 5,6,6a,7-tetrahydro-6-methyl-, hydrochloride, hemihydrate  
CAS registry number 41372-20-7  
Molecular formula/molecular weight  $C_{17}H_{17}NO_2 \cdot HCl \cdot 1/2 H_2O$  / 312.79  
Structure



Relevant INDs/NDAs IND 52,844

Drug class Dopamine Agonist

Indication Parkinson's Disease

**Clinical formulation**

Vial -10 mg/ml apomorphine and 1 mg/ml sodium bisulfite

Cartridge- 10 mg/ml apomorphine, 1 mg/ml sodium bisulfite and 5 mg/ml benzyl alcohol

Route of administration Subcutaneous Injection 2-6 mg/dose up to five doses/day

Disclaimer Tabular and graphical information from sponsor's submission are identified as such

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The sponsor (Bertek Pharmaceuticals) is seeking approval of apomorphine for the treatment of acute off episodes in Parkinson's disease. To support their application, the sponsor has submitted repeat toxicology studies (including chronic studies in rats and monkeys), genotoxicity studies, limited pharmacokinetic studies and local irritation studies. The sponsor did not submit any studies on pharmacology, safety pharmacology, carcinogenicity or reproductive toxicity. To address some of these data gaps, the sponsor submitted papers from the open scientific literature to provide data on pharmacology, safety pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and reproductive toxicity. The data from the open literature is of limited utility in assessing the potential effects of apomorphine since it is not possible to conduct a detailed examination of the data. In addition, there are substantive issues that have not been addressed in the open literature. In particular, there is a lack of data on the potential effects of apomorphine on reproductive function and on the heart. There is also a lack of data on the metabolism of apomorphine in preclinical species and on the carcinogenic potential of this genotoxic drug.

Apomorphine is a dopamine agonist which showed activity in several animal models of Parkinson's disease. It has low oral bioavailability due to rapid metabolism. It is therefore administered by subcutaneous injection. The exact metabolic pathways have not been determined, although conjugation with glucuronic acid is an important pathway. The metabolism of apomorphine has to be determined in preclinical species and compared to the human metabolism. This will help to establish the relevance of the preclinical studies.

The primary toxicity observed in apomorphine-treated animals (rats, monkeys) are clinical signs associated with excessive stimulation of dopamine receptors (hyperactivity, stereotypic behavior). Weight loss has been observed in treated animals, but no consistent effects on hematology or clinical chemistry parameters were observed. One potential concern is male reproductive organs. Decreased testes weight and altered testes histology were observed in rats and monkeys at doses comparable to what would be used clinically. The potential effects on male reproduction have not been examined in segment I (mating and fertility) reproductive toxicity studies (see below). The sponsor also submitted a study examining the potential effects of Sinemet on apomorphine toxicity in rats, but the Sinemet doses were too low to permit meaningful comparisons. This study will need to be repeated.

Apomorphine is genotoxic in multiple in vitro systems. It induced frameshift mutations in Ames assay, especially in TA1537. It was also positive in the mouse lymphoma assay causing an increase in both large colonies (indicative of mutations) and small colonies (indicative of clastogenic events). Apomorphine induced chromosomal aberrations in cultured human lymphocytes. Apomorphine was negative in the in vivo mouse micronucleus test. However, this test only used dosing once per day. Since apomorphine will be used multiple times during the day, it is desirable that the in vivo micronucleus test be conducted using a multiple dose per day regimen.

The sponsor has requested a waiver from conducting carcinogenicity studies. The sponsor's arguments are not persuasive. The sponsor states that patients may be on apomorphine for up to six years. ICH guideline S1A recommends that carcinogenicity studies be conducted on drugs likely to be used for two to three years. Thus, the lack of carcinogenicity studies is a major data gap in the preclinical database.

The sponsor has also requested a waiver from conducting reproductive toxicity studies. The sponsor's arguments are not persuasive, especially since their own clinical studies included patients with reproductive potential. There are also reports in the scientific literature of pregnant

patients with Parkinson's disease who experience worsening of off states, the indication that the sponsor intends to treat with this drug. The sponsor's arguments are not sufficient to support the waiver of reproductive toxicity studies. This is another major data gap in the preclinical database.

The chemistry section of the application sets specification of — for a pair of degradation products in the drug product. This is above the threshold for qualification — at the proposed clinical dose levels. The sponsor needs to either lower the specification for these impurities or conduct a qualification study (a 13 week study in a single species) to assess the potential for the degradation product to affect the safety of the drug product. This reviewer does not consider it necessary to conduct genotoxicity studies to qualify the degradation products since apomorphine is strongly genotoxic in its own right.

In summary, preclinical studies suggest that the dose-limiting toxicity associated with apomorphine are central nervous system signs associated with excessive pharmacological stimulation of dopamine receptors. The studies also suggest that there is potential for effects on the male reproductive system, but definitive reproductive toxicity studies have not been conducted in male or female animals. Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted, but the sponsor has requested permission to conduct these studies post approval, which is acceptable. This reviewer considers this application to be approvable pending completion of carcinogenicity studies, a reproductive toxicity battery and qualification studies for the degradation product (assuming that the sponsor is unable to lower the specification for the degradation product). Studies that can be conducted as phase IV commitments include the metabolism studies, the in vivo micronucleus test, and the combination study.

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## PHARMACOLOGY

No pharmacology studies were submitted

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## **SAFETY PHARMACOLOGY**

No safety pharmacology studies were submitted

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## PHARMACOKINETICS/TOXICOKINETICS

PK parameters

No data submitted

Absorption

No data submitted

Distribution

No data submitted

### *Metabolism*

#### IN VITRO METABOLISM OF APOMORPHINE BY HUMAN LIVER MICROSOMES

Study No. Report — 99059

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Apomorphine was incubated with human microsomes. A single metabolite (presumed to be norapomorphine) was detected, although there was only minimal metabolism. Based on cDNA incubation with inhibitors, the primary cytochrome P450 isozymes involved in metabolism are CYP2B6, CYP2C8 and CYP3A4.

### *Excretion*

#### THE METABOLISM AND PHARMACOKINETICS OF [14C]-APOMORPHINE IN THE CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY

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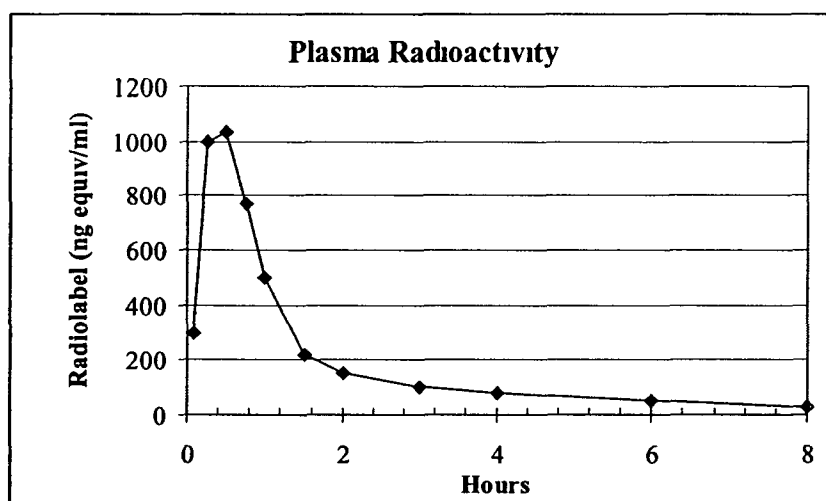
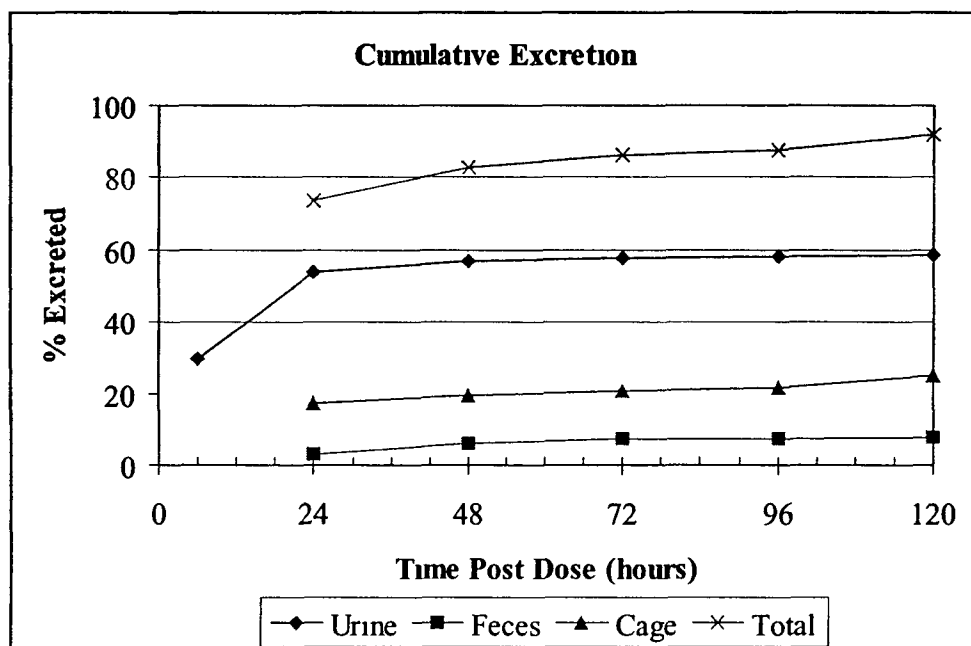
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Cynomolgus monkeys (2/sex) were administered 0.5 mg/kg subcutaneously. Urine and feces collected for up to 120 hours post dose. Blood samples collected at 0, 0.08, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 24, 48, 72, 96 and 120 hours post dose.

Insufficient plasma radioactivity was available to analyze metabolites, virtually all of the radiolabel was cleared by 24 hours.

Urinary and fecal metabolites were not positively identified, but apomorphine was metabolized to a more polar compound and subsequently conjugated with glucuronic acid.





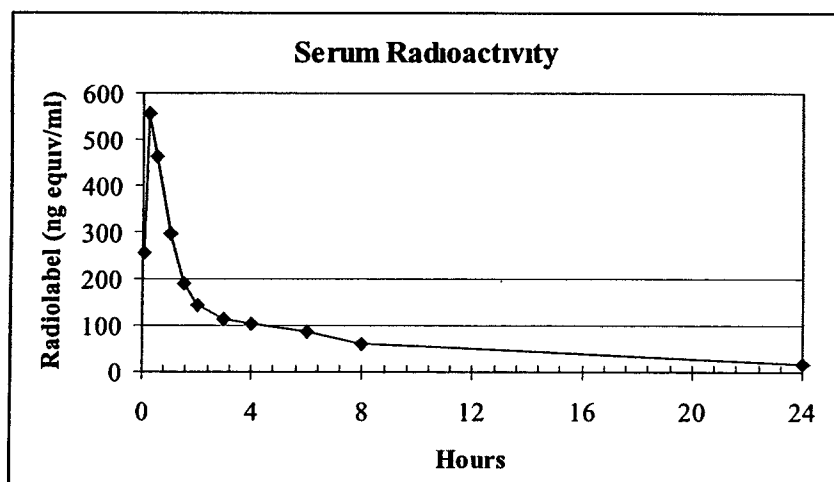
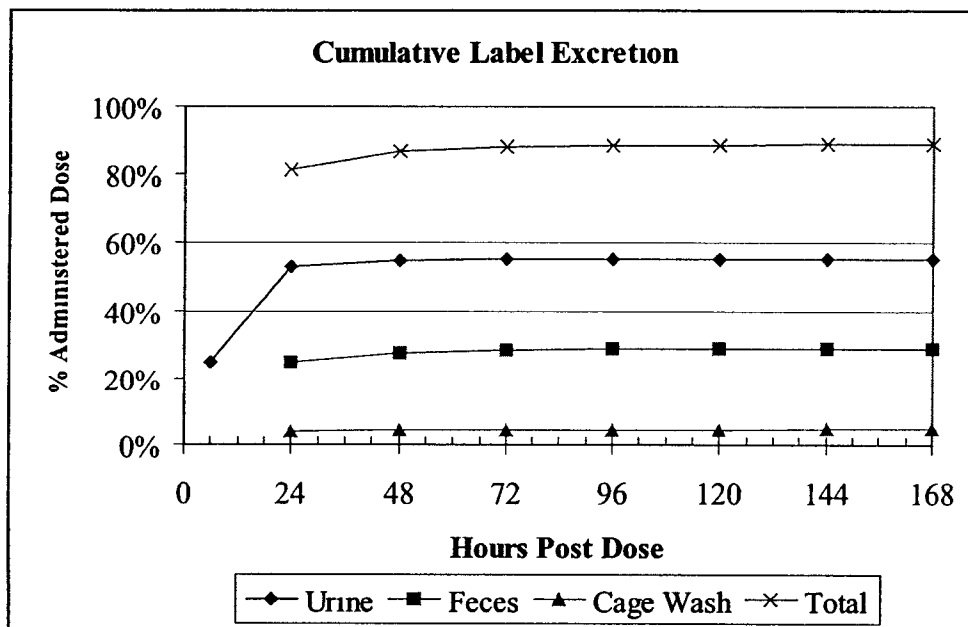
#### THE DISPOSITION OF [ $^{14}\text{C}$ ]-APOMORPHINE IN THE RAT FOLLOWING SUBCUTANEOUS ADMINISTRATION

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Male Sprague-Dawley rats (n=5) were injected subcutaneously with 1 mg/kg [ $^{14}\text{C}$ ]-labelled apomorphine and excretion of label was monitored for 168 hours. In the second phase of the study, male rats (n=5) were injected subcutaneously with 1 mg/kg [ $^{14}\text{C}$ ]-labelled apomorphine and blood was collected from the tail vein at 0.08, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 24, and 48 hours postdose.

Most of the radioactivity was excreted by 24 hours post injection. The urine was the primary mode of excretion (accounting for 60-65% of excreted label), the feces was also a major route of elimination (accounting for 30-32% of excreted label). Virtually no label was observed in expired air. Apomorphine label was rapidly cleared from the blood. About 70% of the radiolabel in the feces was associated with the parent apomorphine peak. About 18% of the radiolabel in the urine was associated with the parent compound peak. The major urinary apomorphine metabolite identified was the glucuronide conjugate (about 32% of label). Plasma metabolites were not analyzed.



Other studies

# IN VITRO EVALUATION OF APOMORPHINE HCL AS AN INDUCER OF CYTOCHROME P450 AND UDP-GLUCURONOSYLTRANSFERASE EXPRESSION IN HUMAN HEPATOCYTES

Study No Report — 99060-2

Location Section 5 / Volume 3 / Page 90

Apomorphine was incubated with human hepatocytes for three days. The data suggest that apomorphine is a weak inducer of CYP1A2 (6.5-fold), CYP2B6 (2.1-fold), CYP2E1 (1.4-fold), and CYP3A4 (1.7-fold). The responses did not always follow a dose response relationship. The significance of some of these findings is uncertain.

## EVALUATION OF APOMORPHINE HCL AS AN INHIBITOR OF CYTOCHROME P450 ENZYMES IN VITRO

Study No Report — 99058

Location Section 5 / Volume 3 / Page 151

Apomorphine was incubated with human hepatocytes and the effects on cytochrome P450 substrate metabolism was examined.

Apomorphine was not a significant inhibitor of the tested P450 enzymes.

Table 5 Summary of results Evaluation of Apomorphine HCl as an inhibitor of human P450 enzymes							
Enzyme	P450 Activity	Metabolism-independent inhibition			Metabolism-dependent inhibition		
		K <sub>i</sub> (μmol/L)	[I] <sup>b</sup> /K <sub>i</sub> (μmol/L)	<i>i</i>	<i>i</i> unbound <sup>d</sup>	Reversible	Irreversible
CYP1A2	7-Ethoxycoumarin O-dealkylase	55 ± 12 <sup>MI</sup>	0.000645	0.0645 %	0.000645 %	Little or no inhibition	Little or no inhibition
CYP2C9	Diclofenac 4-hydroxylase	370 ± 70 <sup>CI</sup>	0.000096	0.00959 %	0.000096 %	Little or no inhibition	Little or no inhibition
CYP2C19	S-Mephenytoin 4-hydroxylase	440 ± 170 <sup>MI</sup>	0.000081	0.00807 %	0.000081 %	Little or no inhibition	Little or no inhibition
CYP2D6	Dextromethorphan O-demethylase	50 ± 9 <sup>MI</sup>	0.000710	0.0710 %	0.000710 %	Little or no inhibition	Little or no inhibition
CYP2E1	Chlorzoxazone 6-hydroxylase	290 ± 40 <sup>MI</sup>	0.000122	0.0122 %	0.000122 %	Little or no inhibition	Weak inhibition
CYP3A4/5	Testosterone 6β-hydroxylase	33 ± 1 <sup>NC</sup>	0.001076	0.108 %	0.001076 %	Little or no inhibition	Little or no inhibition

Inhibition constants (K<sub>i</sub> values) were calculated with the software program GraFit (version 4.0 Frithacus Software Ltd London U.K.) with simple weighting.  
 Values are shown ± standard errors, which were calculated by GraFit using a matrix inversion method.  
<sup>b</sup> *I* = estimated plasma concentration of apomorphine in humans 0.0355 μM  
<sup>c</sup> *i* = predicted fractional inhibition *in vivo* based on the maximum human plasma concentration of 0.0355 μM  
<sup>d</sup> *i* unbound = predicted fractional inhibition *in vivo* based on greater than 99% protein binding  
<sup>MI</sup> Mixed inhibition      <sup>CI</sup> Competitive inhibition      <sup>NC</sup> Noncompetitive inhibition  
 Metabolism-dependent inhibition  
 Little or no inhibition 0 – 10% Inhibition      Weak inhibition 11 – 20% Inhibition  
 Moderate inhibition 21 – 40% Inhibition      Marked inhibition > 40% Inhibition

Figure 1, from page 30 of Report XT990058

## TOXICOLOGY

### *Apomorphine 13 Week Toxicity Study in Rats with Subcutaneous Administration*

Study no — Project No 450855

Volume #, and page #      Section 5 / Volume 7 / Page 213  
    Section 5 / Volume 1 / Page 183 (TK report)

Conducting laboratory and location

Scotland

Date of study initiation      February 1992

GLP compliance      Yes

QA report    yes ( X ) no ( )

Drug, lot #, radiolabel, and % purity      200863

Formulation/vehicle “control medium”

Methods (unique aspects)

Dosing

Species/strain	Rat, Sprague-Dawley
#/sex/group or time point (main study)	15/sex/dose
Satellite groups (toxicokinetics or recovery)	none
Age	5 weeks
Weight	about 144 g (males), 123 g (females)
Doses in administered units	0, 0.4, 1.0, 4.0 mg/kg/day
Route, form, volume, and infusion rate	SCU, 4 divided doses 15-2 hours between doses

Observations and times

Clinical signs	Several times per day
Body weights	1X/week
Food consumption	1X/week
Ophthalmoscopy	Pre, Week 11 (high dose and control only)
EKG	Not done
Hematology	Week 12/13
Clinical chemistry	Week 12/13
Urinalysis	Week 12/13
Gross pathology	Week 13
Organs weighed	Week 13
Histopathology	10/sex at 0 and 4 mg/kg, Full Society of Toxicologic
Pathologist Battery, adrenals in 0	4 and 1 mg/kg males
Toxicokinetics	Days 1, 41, 90, pre, 10, 20, 30, 45 60 minutes post dose
Other	

**Results****Mortality**

0.4 mg/kg- 1 female due to trauma at blood collection

1.0 mg/kg- 1 male due to treatment (self mutilation)

4.0 mg/kg- 5 males, 1 female, two of these deaths (one male, one female) were humane sacrifices attributable to severe clinical reactions to treatment (self mutilation and/or hypermotility), one male death was due to poor clinical condition in week 11, the other three deaths were associated with exposure to a heating cabinet during pharmacokinetic sampling during week 13 of the study

Clinical signs

No clinical signs in controls

**Number of rats affected (number of observations)**

	Males			Females		
	0.4 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	4 mg/kg	0.4 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	4 mg/kg
Ataxia		1/15 (1)	12/15 (15)			3/15 (4)
Slight		1 (1)	10 (10)			1 (1)
Moderate			5 (5)			2 (3)
Bite/Lick Cage	8/15 (8)	7/15 (13)	14/15 (14)	7/15 (7)	9/15 (25)	15/15 (149)
Slight	7 (7)	2 (2)	8 (12)	7 (7)	5 (5)	5 (9)
Moderate	1 (1)	6 (11)	14 (94)		9 (26)	15 (139)
Severe			3 (8)			1 (1)
Self Mutilation	0/15	7/15 (7)	5/15 (23)	0/15	2/15 (2)	7/15 (36)
Slight		1 (1)	1 (1)			
Moderate		3 (3)	5 (10)		1 (1)	6 (17)
Severe		3 (3)	2 (12)		1 (1)	5 (19)
Nervous	0/15	3/15 (3)	15/15 (48)	1/15	3/15 (5)	12/15 (51)
Slight			13 (24)	1 (1)	1 (2)	10 (34)
Moderate		2 (2)	12 (20)		2 (2)	8 (15)
Severe		1 (1)	2 (4)		1 (1)	2 (2)
Head Shaking	0/15	0/15	8/15 (12)	0/15	0/15	3/15 (4)
Subdued	0/15	1/15 (1)	10/15 (14)	0/15	0/15	4/15 (4)

Body weights                      Dose-dependent decrease in body weight in high dose (4 mg/kg/day) males (-14%), not much effect in females

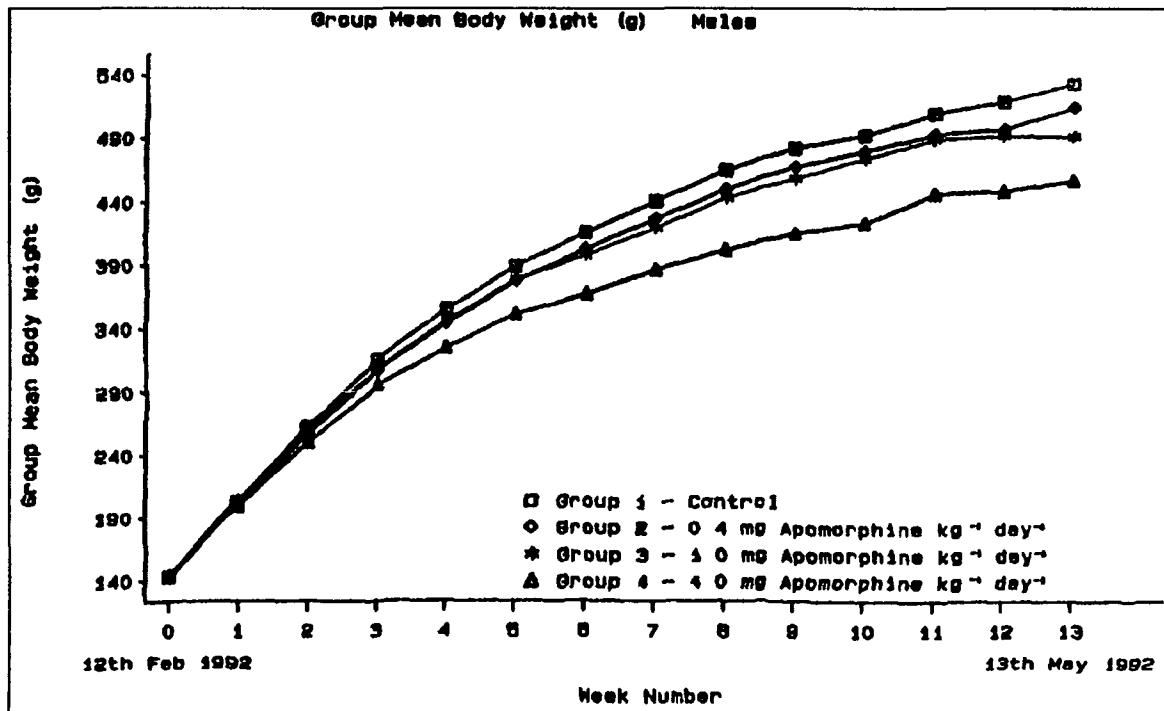


Figure 2, from page 67 of — Report 450855

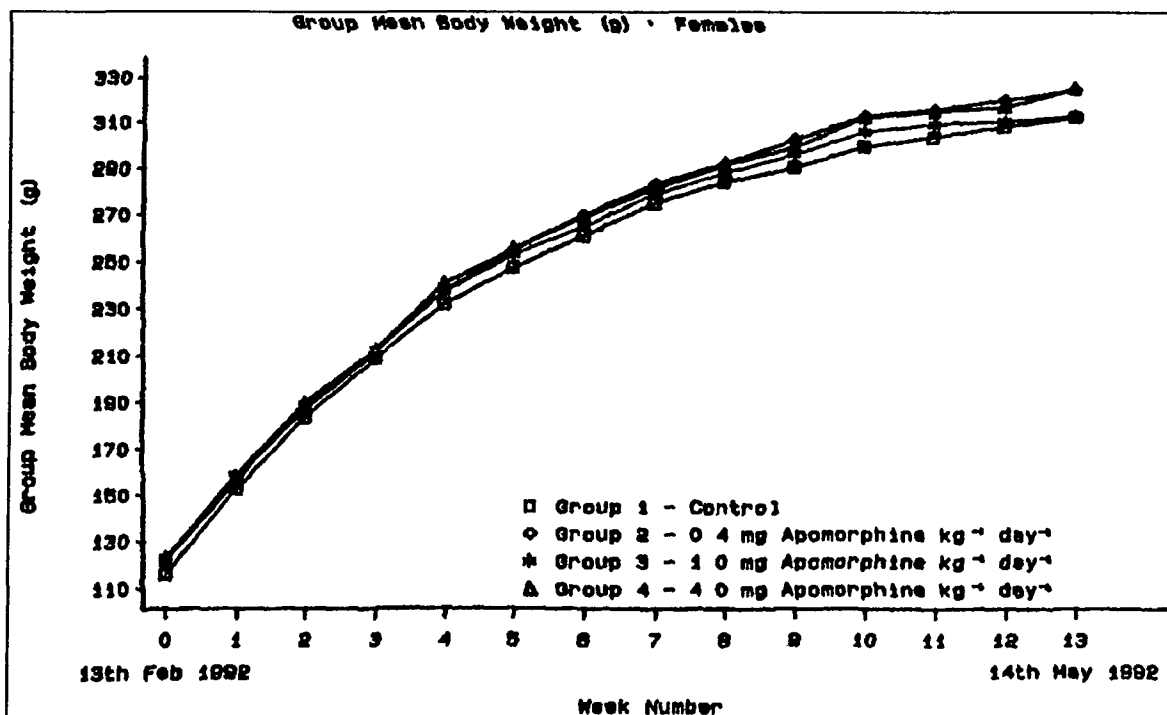


Figure 3 from page 68 of — Project 450855

Food consumption decreased food consumption at 1 mg/kg (-5%) and 4 mg/kg (-7%) in males only

Ophthalmoscopy No effects

Electrocardiography Not done

Hematology

Platelet concentrations ( $\times 10^9 / l$ )

Sex	0 mg/kg	0.4 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	4.0 mg/kg
Males	714	865	904	840
Females	703	731	<b>940</b>	<b>935</b>

Values in **Bold** significantly different from control

Clinical chemistry

Phosphorus concentrations (mmol / l)

Sex	0 mg/kg	0.4 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	4.0 mg/kg
Males	1.75	1.80	<b>1.94</b>	<b>1.96</b>
Females	1.70	1.80	<b>1.98</b>	<b>1.93</b>

Values in **Bold** significantly different from control

Urinalysis

No effects

Organ weights

Mean organ weights transformed by covariance analysis in grams

Organ	Sex	0 mg/kg	0.4 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	4.0 mg/kg
Adrenals	Male	0.054	0.063	0.063	<b>0.066</b>
	Female	0.075	0.078	0.077	0.078
Kidney	Male	3.62	3.63	3.64	3.61
	Female	2.22	2.27	<b>2.37</b>	<b>2.41</b>
Ovary	Female	0.101	0.113	0.118	<b>0.142</b>
Thyroid	Male	0.034	0.029	0.026	<b>0.024</b>
	Female	0.025	0.023	0.022	0.021

Values in **Bold** significantly different from control

Gross pathology

	Sex	0 mg/kg	0.4 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	4.0 mg/kg
Injection Site, Dark	Male	9/15	9/15	9/15	7/15
	Female	4/15	2/15	4/15	6/15
Injection Site, Subcutaneous thickening	Male	0/15	0/15	0/15	1/15
	Female	0/15	0/15	0/15	1/15
Testes, Both small	Male	0/15	0/15	0/15	1/15

**Histopathology****Incidence of Adrenal Cortical Hypertrophy in males (severity not assessed)**

0 mg/kg	0 4 mg/kg	1 0 mg/kg	4 0 mg/kg
0/10	8/10	8/10	9/10

	Males		Females	
	0 mg/kg	4 0 mg/kg	0 mg/kg	4 0 mg/kg
Injection Site, subcutaneous reaction	7/7	6/6	2/2	4/4
Injection Site, focal myositis	1/7	1/6	0/2	0/4
Testes, Tubular Atrophy	0/10	1/10	---	---
Pancreas, focal interstitial lymphocytic infiltration	0/10	0/10	1/10	4/10

**Toxicokinetics**

limit of quantitation was —

Low concentrations (below limit of quantification) were observed at 0 1 mg/kg/dose (0 4 mg/kg/day) and 0 25 mg/kg/dose (1 0 mg/kg/day) There was no evidence of bioaccumulation Apomorphine was reported to have short half life (13-32 minutes) at 1 mg/kg/dose (4 mg/kg/day) This reviewer can not reproduce the half life's or AUC calculations The female 1 mg/kg/dose data was missing (Appendix F)

**Key study findings**

- 1 The primary adverse signs were clinical signs at 0 4 mg/kg/day and above Clinical signs included licking/biting the cage, self mutilation and subdued behavior The incidence and severity of the signs increased with increasing dose
- 2 Decreased body weight was observed at 4 0 mg/kg in males only
- 3 One high dose rat had testicular atrophy with decreased testes weight and small testes No other adverse effects on the testes in other rats
- 4 Adrenal cortical hypertrophy was observed in treated males, but not females

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***26-Week Subcutaneous Toxicity Study with Apomorphine in Rats with a 4-week Recovery Period***

Study no — 9902

Volume #, and page # Section 5 / Volume 11 / Page 1

Conducting laboratory and location. —

Date of study initiation August 16, 1999

GLP compliance Yes

QA report yes (X) no ( )

Drug, lot #, radiolabel, and % purity 501413, — %

Formulation/vehicle sodium metabisulfite 1 mg/ml in water for injection

**Methods (unique aspects)****Dosing**

Species/strain	Rat, Sprague-Dawley, — CD(SD)IGS BR
#/sex/group or time point (main study)	20/sex/dose
Satellite groups (recovery)	10/sex in control and high dose
Age	6 weeks
Weight	184-241 g (males), 138-184 g (females)
Doses in administered units	0, 0.3, 1.0, 3.0 mg/kg/day (4 divided doses)
Route, form, volume, and infusion rate between doses	SCU, 1 ml/kg, 4 divided doses 1.5-2 hours

**Observations and times**

Clinical signs	1/day from day 1-14, then 1/week (38-39 observations/rat)
Body weights	1X/week
Food consumption	1X/week
Ophthalmoscopy	Pre, Week 26, 30
EKG	Not done
Hematology	Weeks 4, 13, 26, 30
Clinical chemistry	Weeks 4, 13, 26, 30
Urinalysis	Weeks 4, 13, 26, 30
Gross pathology	Days 187-188
Organs weighed	
Histopathology	High dose and control groups, Full Society of Toxicologic
Pathologist Battery, macroscopic lesions and lung, liver and kidneys from all doses, premature decedents	
Toxicokinetics	Not done
Other	4 week recovery

**Results**

Mortality not drug related

0 mg/kg- 1 male during week 19 (B14546, suppurative pyelonephritis)

0.3 mg/kg- 1 female during week 4 (B14662, cause of death not determined)

3.0 mg/kg- 1 male during week 26 (B14606, sacrificed moribund with aspiration pneumonia)

Clinical signs

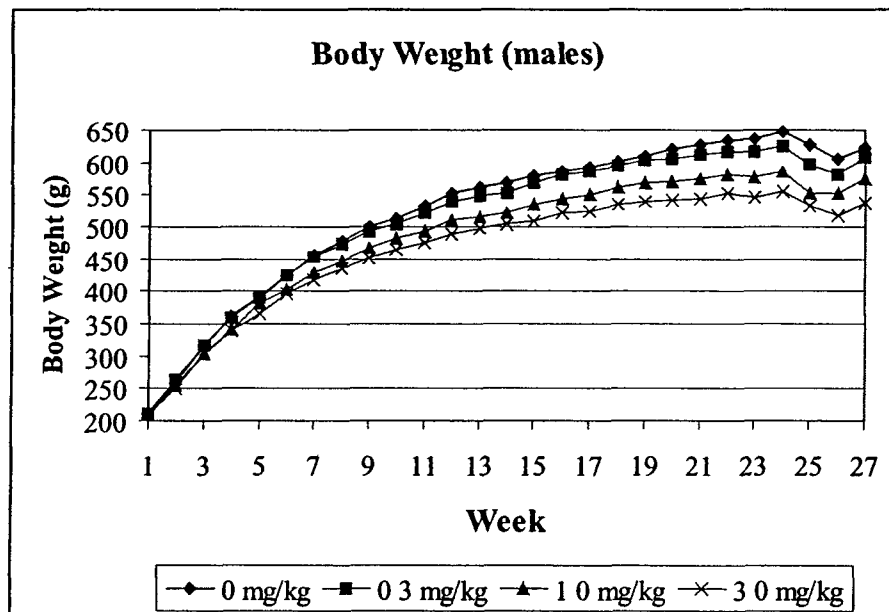
Incidence of Clinical Signs (percentage of observations with sign)-Males

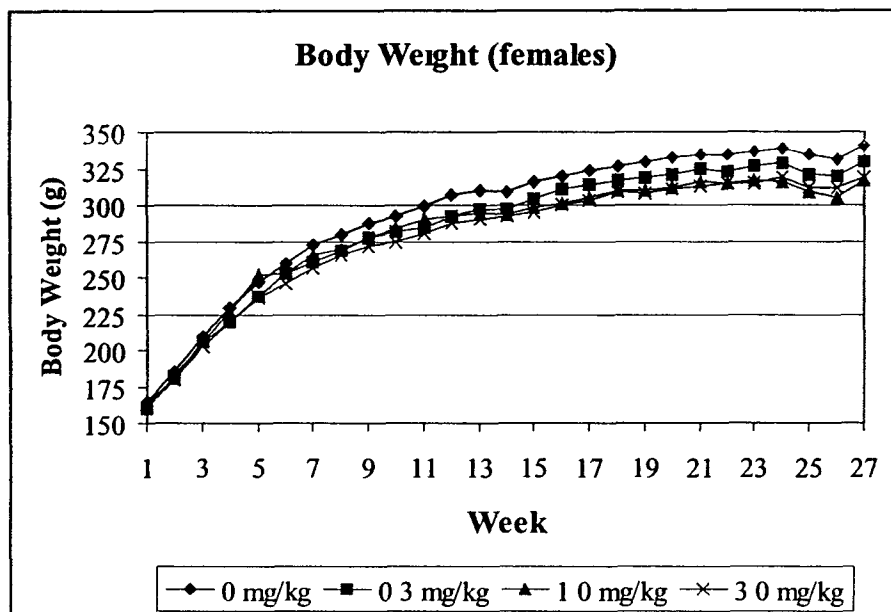
	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	3.0 mg/kg
Total observations	1141	770	770	1148
Excessive Sniffing	0/30 (0.0%)	6/20 (0.8%)	20/20 (90.9%)	30/30 (99.7%)
Excessive licking	0/30 (0.0%)	2/20 (0.3%)	18/20 (11.6%)	30/30 (37.9%)
Cage biting	0/30 (0.0%)	0/20 (0.0%)	10/20 (1.7%)	29/30 (17.1%)
Excessive grooming	0/30 (0.0%)	2/20 (0.4%)	0/20 (0.0%)	20/30 (7.1%)
Circling	0/30 (0.0%)	0/20 (0.0%)	0/20 (0.0%)	1/30 (0.1%)

Incidence of Clinical Signs (percentage of observations with sign)-Females

	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	3.0 mg/kg
Total observations	1150	747	770	1150
Excessive Sniffing	1/30 (0.1%)	10/20 (1.9%)	20/20 (90.9%)	30/30 (99.5%)
Excessive licking	0/30 (0.0%)	3/20 (0.4%)	18/20 (18.6%)	30/30 (39.4%)
Cage biting	4/30 (0.3%)	3/20 (0.5%)	15/20 (6.9%)	28/30 (25.7%)
Excessive grooming	0/30 (0.0%)	5/20 (1.1%)	5/20 (1.7%)	25/30 (8.6%)
Circling	0/30 (0.0%)	0/20 (0.0%)	0/20 (0.0%)	3/30 (0.3%)

Body weights Male body weights were decreased by 2, 8, and 14% at 0.3, 1 and 3 mg/kg, respectively, about an 8% decrease at 1 and 3 mg/kg in females





Food consumption      No effects  
 Ophthalmoscopy      No effects  
 Electrocardiography      Not done  
 Hematology      No effects  
 Clinical chemistry

Tryglycerides in mg/dl

Week	Males				Females			
	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	3 mg/kg	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	3 mg/kg
4	82	66	59	62	46	48	49	43
13	119	74	<b>62</b>	62	61	53	63	50
27	113	89	<b>66</b>	55	108	<b>49</b>	50	43

Values in bold significant at  $p < 0.05$

Urinalysis      No effects

Organ weights

Male Relative Organ Weights (%control)

	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	3 mg/kg
Kidney	0.567	0.599 (106%)	<b>0.617 (109%)</b>	<b>0.647 (114%)</b>
Heart	0.284	0.286 (101%)	<b>0.308 (108%)</b>	<b>0.326 (115%)</b>
Adrenal	0.0105	0.0108 (103%)	0.0116 (110%)	<b>0.0140 (133%)</b>

Lower testis weights were observed in rats with cryptorchid testes or hypospermia

Female Relative Organ Weights (%control)

	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	3 mg/kg
Heart	0.340	0.339 (100%)	0.353 (104%)	<b>0.364 (107%)</b>
Ovary	0.0382	0.0372 (97%)	0.0402 (105%)	<b>0.0518 (136%)</b>
Adrenal	0.0210	0.0238 (113%)	0.0253 (120%)	<b>0.0286 (136%)</b>

**Gross pathology**

3/19 high dose males had small testis (these three rats had cryptorchid testes)

**Histopathology**

5 high dose males had testicular abnormalities cryptorchid testis (3), hypospermia (1, also in epididymis), degeneration with mineralization (1), no abnormalities in 19 control males, low and mid dose groups were not examined

**Injection Site**

	Males		Females	
	0 mg/kg	3 mg/kg	0 mg/kg	3 mg/kg
Not remarkable	15/19	14/19	14/20	10/20
Hemorrhage	3/19	3/19	3/20	5/20
Inflammation, chronic	4/19	5/19	6/20	9/20
Ulcer	0/19	0/19	0/20	1/20
Acanthosis	0/19	0/19	0/20	1/20
Necrosis	0/19	0/19	0/20	1/20

Toxicokinetics

Not done

**Key study findings**

- 1 A dose dependent increase in the incidence of CNS signs indicative of stereotypic behavior (excessive grooming, cage biting and circling) was observed at all dose levels
- 2 Decreased body weights were observed at 1 mg/kg in males and 3 mg/kg in both males and females
- 3 5/19 3 mg/kg males has testicular abnormalities including small testes, cryptorchid testes (3), hypospermia (1) and degeneration (1) No changes in testicular parameters were observed in control rats
- 4 Increased body weight corrected ovary and heart weights were observed at 3 mg/kg/day

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***A 13 Week Combination Toxicity Study of Combined Subcutaneous Apomorphine and Oral (Gavage) Levodopa/Carbidopa in Rats with a 4-week Recovery Period***

Study no 3313 19 / Bertek Study No Tox-018-002

Volume #, and page # Section 5 / Volume 8 / Page 1

Conducting laboratory and location \_\_\_\_\_

Date of study initiation April 24, 2001

GLP compliance Yes

QA report yes (X) no ( )

Drug, lot #, radiolabel, and % purity 0L383

Formulation/vehicle 1 mg/ml sodium metabisulfite aqueous solution

**Methods (unique aspects)**

**Dosing**

Species/strain	Rat, Sprague-Dawley — CD(SD)IGS BR
#/sex/group or time point (main study)	10/sex/dose
Satellite groups (recovery)	5/sex/dose (except sham control group)
Age	6-7 weeks
Weight	182-214 g (males), 175-208 g (females)
Doses in administered units	

Group	Male	Female	Targeted Dose Level Apomorphine (mg/kg/day)	Targeted Dose Level L-Dopa/Carbidopa (mg/kg/day)	Targeted Dose (mg/kg/dose) Apomorphine/ L Dopa + Carbidopa	Constant Dose Volume (mL/kg)
1 Sham Control	10	10	—	—	—	—
2 Vehicle Control	15	15	0	0/0	0/0 + 0	1
3	15	15	0	40/10	0/10 + 2.5	1
4	15 (17)	15 (17)	3	0/0	0.75/0 + 0	1
5	15 (17)	15 (17)	3	40/10	0.75/10 + 2.5	1
6	15	15	1	40/10	0.25/10 + 2.5	1
7	15	15	0.3	40/10	0.075/10 + 2.5	1

Note: The last five animals/sex/group were maintained for a one-month recovery period. Animals designated with parentheses were utilized for a concurrent toxicokinetic phase.

**Figure 4, from page 19 of Study TOX-018-002**

Route, form, volume, and infusion rate

Apomorphine-SCU injection 1 mg/kg  
Levodopa/carbidopa- oral gavage

**Observations and times**

Clinical signs 2X/week  
 Body weights 1X/week  
 Food consumption 1X/week  
 Ophthalmoscopy pre, Day 86  
 EKG Not done  
 Hematology Day 91/92  
 Clinical chemistry Day 91/92  
 Urinalysis Day 91/92  
 Gross pathology Day 91/92  
 Organs weighed

Histopathology Control and high dose combination groups only (groups 1, 2, 5), Full Society of Toxicologic Pathologist Battery, lung, liver, kidney and gross lesions from low and mid-dose groups (3, 4, 6, 7)

Toxicokinetics Days 5, 6, 7, groups 3 and 4 only

TK Sampling Schedule and Number of Male and Female Rats/Group at Sampling Time									
Subgroup	Daily Dose 1		Daily Dose 2		Daily Dose 3		Daily Dose 4		
	0	15 min	0	15 min	0	15 min	0	15 min	90 min
Days 5 and 6									
A							4/4		
B								4/4	
Day 7									
C	3/3			3/3			3/3		
D		3/3			3/3			3/3	
E			3/3			3/3			3/3

Figure 5, from page 5 of Addendum to Toxicology Report TOX 018-002

Other

**Results****Mortality**

Group 1- female 942 sacrificed on day 14 after delivering pups

Group 3- female 962 sacrificed on day 45 due to mechanical injury in mouth area

Group 4- male 886 found dead on day 64 with heart thrombus

**Clinical signs**

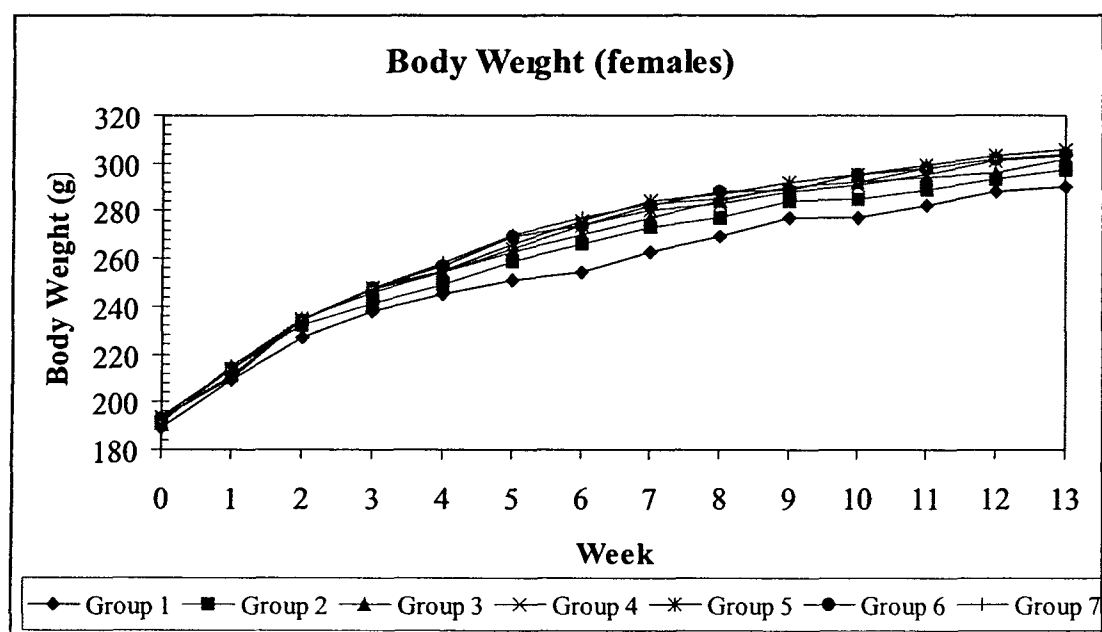
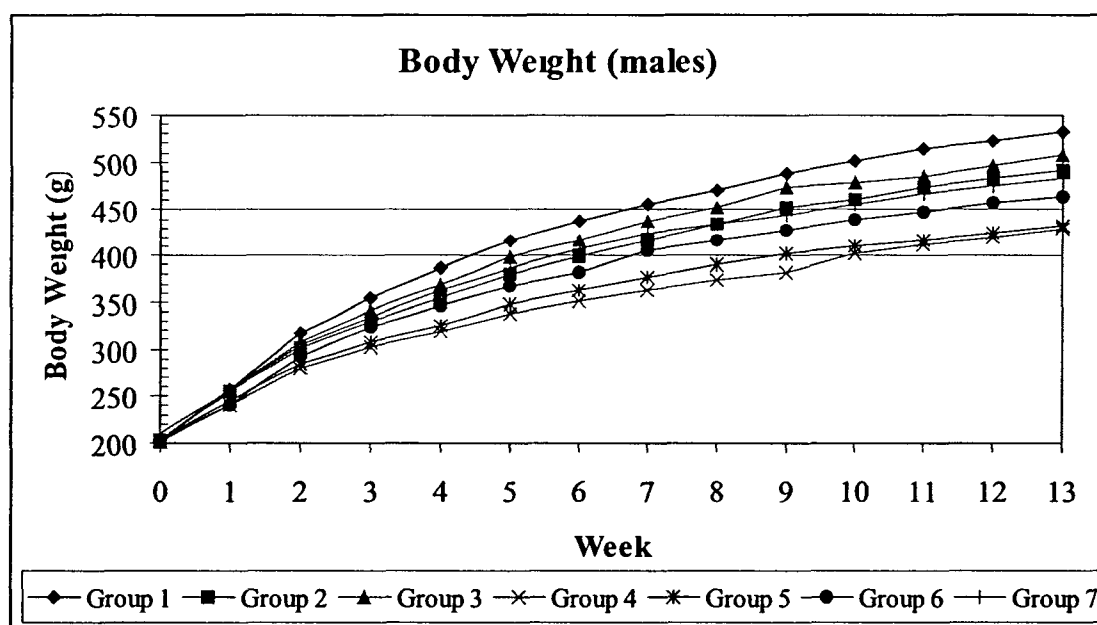
Males (occurrences / animals affected)

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Scabs	0/0	5/2	16/6	36/6	66/6	5/3	4/2
Unkempt	0/0	0/0	0/0	8/2	13/3	0/0	0/0
Vocalization	0/0	0/0	0/0	137/6	144/4	0/0	0/0
Increased activity post dose	0/0	0/0	0/0	494/13	404/11	0/0	0/0
Cage licking	0/0	0/0	0/0	337/15	316/15	317/15	4/4
Tail chewing	0/0	0/0	0/0	19/6	25/4	0/0	0/0
Circling	0/0	0/0	0/0	28/10	41/5	0/0	0/0

## Females (occurrences / animals affected)

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Scabs	4/2	9/4	12/7	40/5	2/2	7/3	1/1
Increased activity post dose	0/0	0/0	0/0	18/6	8/6	0/0	0/0
Cage licking	0/0	1/1	0/0	345/15	370/15	365/15	1/1
Tail chewing	0/0	0/0	0/0	31/7	4/2	0/0	0/0
Circling	0/0	0/0	0/0	4/2	0/0	0/0	0/0

## Body weights



## Week 13 body weights as percent of Group 2 values

	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Males	95%	81%	81%	87%	91%
Females	104%	104%	106%	105%	105%

Food consumption	Decreased food consumption in groups 4 and 5
Ophthalmoscopy	No effects
Electrocardiography	Not done
Hematology	No effects
Clinical chemistry	No effects
Urinalysis	No effects
Organ weights	No effects
Gross pathology	

## Injection Site-Males

	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Hemorrhage	5/10	3/10	4/9	6/10	8/10	7/10
Lesion	4/10	6/10	5/10	4/10	2/10	2/10

## Injection Site-Females

	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
Hemorrhage	9/10	7/9	8/10	9/10	8/10	9/10
Lesion	1/10	1/9	0/10	1/10	0/10	0/10

## Histopathology

The injection sites were characterized as having generally mild fibrosis, hemorrhage and chronic inflammation. The incidence is similar in intensity and frequency across control and dose groups.

No other noteworthy findings were observed.

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**Toxicokinetics**

Limit of qualification was ~ ng/ml

None of 12 samples taken prior to the first dose of the day had quantifiable apomorphine levels

Three of the 60 samples taken 90 minutes after dosing had quantifiable apomorphine levels ( —

— ng/ml, samples taken after second dose of the day, third dose of the day and fourth dose of the day, respectively) Two observations were in the apomorphine alone (1 male and one female), one was in a female combination rat

Mean Apomorphine Plasma Concentration (ng/ml) at 15 Minutes Post Injection In Rats Treated With Apomorphine Alone (APO) and a Combination of Apomorphine and Sinemet (COMBO)

Day	Dose	Males		Females	
		APO	COMBO	APO	COMBO
5	4	99	95	97	92
6	4	94	81	86	117
7	1	79	80	80	79
	2	84	80	101	77
	3	88	79	70	92
	4	86	99	87	95

**Key study findings**

- 1 Apomorphine effects were similar to those in other studies in rats. Decreased body weight and stereotypic behavior at 1 mg/kg and above
- 2 No signs of interaction effects, but the levodopa/carbidopa dose (50 mg/kg) were lower than generally used in these studies (150 mg/kg)
- 3 Apomorphine did not appear to accumulate with repeated exposures. Between 15 minutes and 90 minutes, apomorphine would go through five half life's (assuming 15 minute half life). This implies that the 90 minute plasma concentration would be 1/32 the 15 minute plasma level. It is not surprising that the 90 minute plasma concentrations were generally below the limit of quantification

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## ***Apomorphine 13 Week Subcutaneous (Bolus) Toxicity Study in Cynomolgus Monkeys***

Study no. — Project No. 651585

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Conducting laboratory and location —

Tranent, Scotland

Date of study initiation February 12, 1992

GLP compliance Yes

QA report yes (X) no ( )

Drug, lot #, radiolabel, and % purity 200863

Formulation/vehicle

### **Methods (unique aspects)**

#### **Dosing**

Species/strain	Monkey, Cynomolgus ( <i>Macaca fascicularis</i> )
#/sex/group or time point (main study)	4/sex/dose
Satellite groups (toxicokinetics or recovery)	None
Age	4 years
Weight	2.3-3.0 kg
Doses in administered units	0, 0.6, 1.5, 3.0 mg/kg/day
Route, form, volume, and infusion rate	6 divided SCU injections, 0.1 ml/kg over four regions

#### **Observations and times**

Clinical signs	“regular intervals, particularly after dosing, throughout the working day”
Body weights	1X/week
Food consumption	1X/day
Ophthalmoscopy	Pre, Weeks 6 and 13
EKG	Not done
Hematology	Pre, Weeks 6 and 13
Clinical chemistry	Pre, Weeks 6 and 13
Urinalysis	Pre, Weeks 6 and 13, feces examined for occult blood
Gross pathology	Week 13
Organs weighed	Week 13
Histopathology	All doses examined, Full Society of Toxicologic Pathologist
Battery except epididymis, seminal vesicles, vagina, bone and bone marrow were not examined	
Toxicokinetics	Day 1, Weeks 6 and 13, 0 (predose), 5, 10, 20, 30, 45 and 60 minutes post dose
Other	

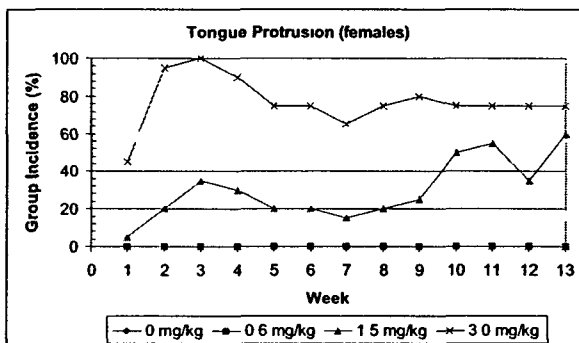
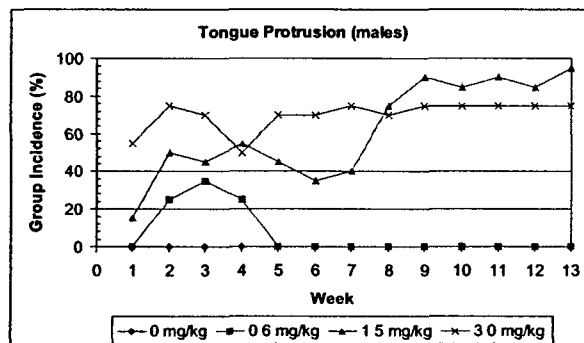
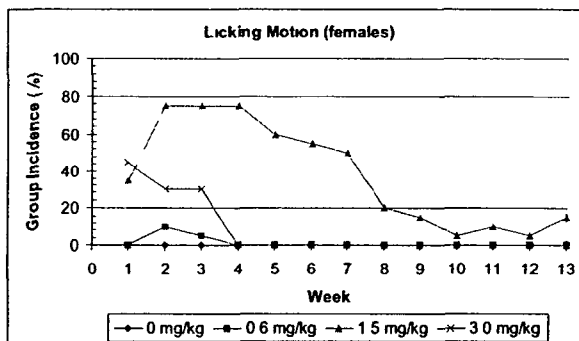
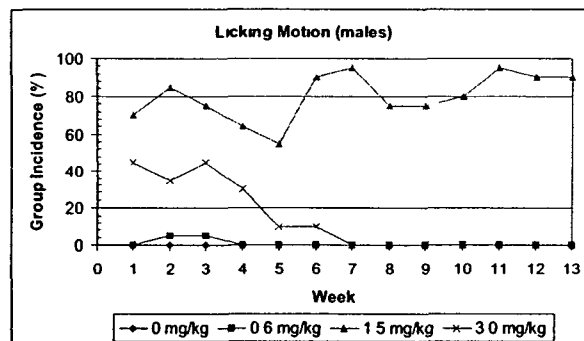
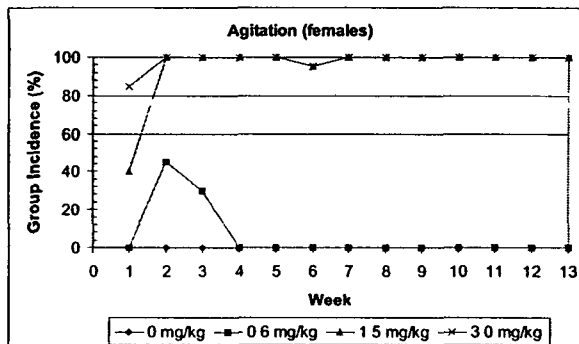
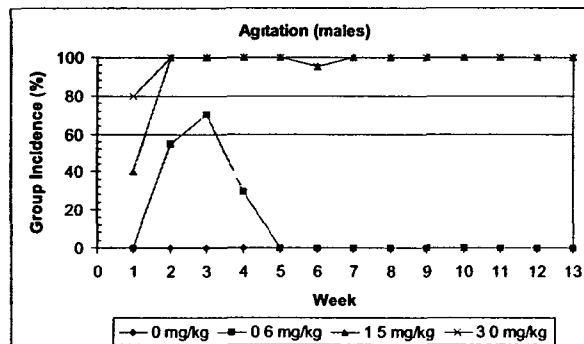
**Results**

Mortality

None

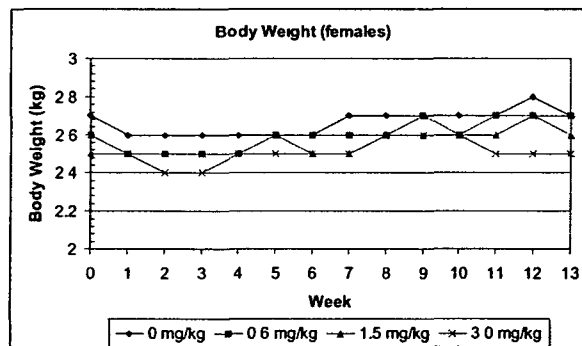
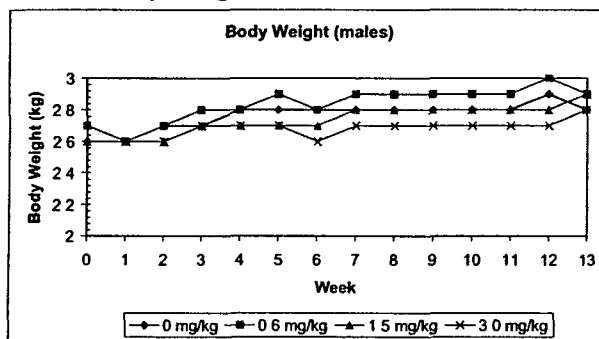
Clinical signs

Greater severity of signs at higher doses, two monkeys (5 and 15) had their tails amputated, in part due to self mutilation Greater detail needed in other clinical signs



Body weights

No effects



Food consumption	No effect
Ophthalmoscopy	No effects
Electrocardiography	Not done
Hematology	No effects
Clinical chemistry	

## Serum Phosphorous Concentrations in mmol/l

Sex	Males				Females			
Dose	0	0.6	1.5	3.0	0	0.6	1.5	3.0
Week 0	1.59	1.63	1.75	1.69	1.87	1.70	2.08	1.90
Week 6	1.81	1.63	1.68	0.69	1.69	1.78	1.56	1.12
Week 13	1.37	1.66	1.73	1.00	1.72	1.69	1.38	1.05

## Serum Triglyceride Concentrations in mmol/l

Sex	Males				Females			
Dose	0	0.6	1.5	3.0	0	0.6	1.5	3.0
Week 0	0.41	0.38	0.47	0.51	0.64	0.46	0.50	0.80
Week 6	0.43	0.65	0.95	1.00	0.58	0.49	0.77	1.09
Week 13	0.80	0.87	0.74	0.79	0.64	0.56	0.73	0.96

Urinalysis No adverse effects

Organ weights

## Organ Weights (covariance analysis)

Sex	Males				Females			
Dose	0	0.6	1.5	3.0	0	0.6	1.5	3.0
Adrenal	0.455	0.454	0.458	0.578	0.529	0.505	0.535	0.548
Liver	71.80	73.82	74.92	91.12	66.02	70.44	78.31	87.92
Kidney	13.75	15.18	15.39	17.97	14.68	12.64	13.84	16.43
Ovary	---	---	---	---	0.183	0.182	0.202	0.251
Thyroid	0.348	0.323	0.313	0.233	0.327	0.277	0.271	0.224
Thymus	3.64	4.82	3.38	2.42	3.01	2.32	3.82	1.94
Testes	1.91	1.69	1.68	1.75	---	---	---	---

## Gross pathology

## Incidence of subcutaneous thickening at the injection site

	0 mg/kg	0.6 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg	3.0 mg/kg
Male	1/4	3/4	4/4	4/4
Female	1/4	4/4	4/4	4/4

**Histopathology**

Two cases of thymic atrophy were observed in high dose monkeys (one female and one male), one case of focal thymic atrophy was observed in a mid dose female

**Injection Site Histopathology**

Sex	Males				Females			
Dose	0	0.6	1.5	3.0	0	0.6	1.5	3.0
Fibrous reaction	3/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	3/4	4/4	4/4	4/4
Minimal	1				2	1		1
Slight	1	2	1	2	1			2
Moderate	1	2	3	2		3	3	1
Severe							1	
Inflammation	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	3/4	4/4	4/4	4/4
Minimal					1			
Slight	3	1	1		2	1	1	2
Moderate	1	3	2	3		3	3	2
Severe			1	1				
Myositis	0/4	2/4	2/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	2/4

**Toxicokinetics**

Unspecified technical problems limited the data obtained. No TK data were obtained on several monkeys.

0.6 mg/kg/day- Males: monkey 5 (no data), monkey 6 (no week 1 data), monkey 7 (missing single timepoint at weeks 1 and 13)

Females: no missing data

1.5 mg/kg/day- Males: monkey 9, (missing timepoint at week 13), monkey 12 (missing timepoint at week 6)

Females: monkey 25 (no data), monkey 26 (no data)

3 mg/kg/day- Males: monkey 13 (missing timepoints at weeks 6 and 13), monkey 14 (missing timepoint at week 1), monkey 15 (no data), monkey 16 (no data)

Females: no missing data

Males mean (range)

	Week	C <sub>max</sub> (nM)	AUC <sub>(0-inf)</sub> (nM-min)	Half life (min)
0.6 mg/kg	1	109 —	2,585 (2,450-2,720)	12.2 (12.1-12.3)
	6	99 —	2,275 (1,990-2,560)	14.4 (12.7-16.1)
	13	86 —	2,120 (1,770-2,680)	12.0 (10.9-12.6)
1.5 mg/kg	1	224 —	6,020 (4,890-6,960)	12.2 (9.8-14.0)
	6	188 —	5,078 (4,400-5,410)	15.8 (8.3-14.4)
	13	262 —	6,207 (5,140-7,970)	12.4 (9.0-15.1)
6.0 mg/kg	1	581 —	12,850 (10,800-14,900)	13.6 (13.4-13.7)
	6	428 —	12,600 (12,600)	11.4 (9.1-13.6)
	13	321 —	10,300 (10,300)	12.1 (11.3-12.8)

## Females mean (range)

	Week	C <sub>max</sub> (nM)	AUC <sub>(0-inf)</sub> (nM-min)	Half life (min)
0.6 mg/kg	1	94 ( — )	2,115 (1,780-2,470)	13.5 (12.1-15.3)
	6	85 ( — )	1,773 (1,530-2,100)	10.2 (9.7-11.1)
	13	92 ( — )	1,873 (1,670-2,130)	14.4 (13.0-15.8)
1.5 mg/kg	1	290 ( — )	5,785 (4,440-7,130)	11.3 (10.5-12.1)
	6	161 ( — )	4,505 (4,490-4,520)	9.8 (8.2-11.3)
	13	234 ( — )	5,425 (4,670-6,180)	10.8 (10.3-11.3)
6.0 mg/kg	1	552 ( — )	13,500 (11,500-16,200)	12.0 (10.8-13.0)
	6	321 ( — )	9,840 (8,150-11,800)	12.0 (10.5-13.2)
	13	335 ( — )	10,638 (8,250-11,600)	11.0 (9.2-13.8)

## Key study findings

1. CNS signs (agitation, tongue protrusion, licking motions) were observed starting at 0.6 mg/kg. Self mutilation was observed at low and high dose males.
2. No effects were observed on body weight.
3. Some decreases in serum phosphorous and increased triglycerides were observed at 3 mg/kg.
4. Increased severity of tissue reactions were observed in treated monkeys.
5. Changes in organ weight were observed. In the absence of histological changes, the significance of this observation is uncertain.
6. Apomorphine was eliminated rapidly. No potential for accumulation. TK values proportional to dose.

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### 39-Week Subcutaneous Toxicity Study with Apomorphine in Cynomolgus Monkeys

Study no — 6482-117

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Conducting laboratory and location —

Date of study initiation August 11, 1999

GLP compliance Yes

QA report yes (X) no ( )

Drug, lot #, radiolabel, and % purity 501413

Formulation/vehicle sodium metabisulfite with sterile water for injection

#### Methods (unique aspects)

##### Dosing

Species/strain	Monkey, cynomolgus ( <i>Macaca fascicularis</i> )
#/sex/group or time point (main study)	4/sex/dose
Satellite groups (recovery)	2/sex in high and control groups
Age	2-7 years
Weight	1 9-3 0 kg (males), 1 9-2 4 kg (females)
Doses in administered units mg/kg	0, 0 3, 1 0, high dose (see table below)

Dosing Interval	Group 4 Total Dose Level (mg/kg/day)	Group 4 Dose Level (mg/kg/dose)	Group 4 Concentration (mg/mL)	Dose Volume (mL/kg/dose)
Days 1 - 6	3 0	0.5	5 0	0 1
Days 7 - 14	0	0	0	0
Days 15 - 49	1.25	0.21	2.1	0 1
Days 50 - 70	1.5	0.25	2.5	0 1
Day 71	1 75	0.29	2 9	0 1
Day 72 termination	1 5	0.25	2 5	0 1

Figure 6, from page 14 of Report 6482-117

Route, form, volume, and infusion rate divided doses administered six times per day (1 5 hours in between injection) by SCU injection

##### Observations and times

Clinical signs	2X/day
Body weights	1X/week
Food consumption	
Ophthalmoscopy	Pre, Week 39
EKG	Pre, Week 39, prior to first dose of the day (approximately 16-17 hours after the last dose)
Hematology	Pre, Weeks 4, 13, 39
Clinical chemistry	Pre, Weeks 4, 13, 39
Urinalysis	Pre, Weeks 4, 13, 39
Gross pathology	Week 39
Organs weighed	

Histopathology  
Toxicokinetics  
Other

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Not done

## Results

**Mortality** One high dose monkey was sacrificed humanely on day 71 (dose was 1.75 mg/kg at the time), dehydration, thin appearance and hypothermia were noted

### Clinical signs

Incidence of clinical observations in high dose males (number of weeks observation was made, %)

Dose	0 mg/kg	1.25 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg	1.75 mg/kg	3.0 mg/kg
Weeks administered	2	3-7	8-40	11 (one day)	1
Total observations	6	30	168	6	6
Hyperactivity	3/6	6/6	6/6	5/6	6/6
Slight	3/6 (3, 50%)	6/6 (25, 83%)			
Moderate		4/6 (5, 17%)	6/6 (151, 90%)	2/6 (2, 33%)	
Severe			4/6 (17, 10%)	3/6 (3, 50%)	6/6 (6, 100%)
Aggressive	0/6	0/6	2/6 (3, 2%)	0/6	0/6
Eye, dilated	0/6	6/6 (9, 30%)	0/6	0/6	6/6 (6, 100%)

Incidence of clinical observations in high dose females (number of weeks observation was made)

Dose	0 mg/kg	1.25 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg	1.75 mg/kg	3.0 mg/kg
Weeks administered	2	3-7	8-40	11 (one day)	1
Total observations	6	30	198	6	6
Hyperactivity	0/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	4/6
Slight		6/6 (25, 83%)	3/6 (5, 3%)		
Moderate		5/6 (5, 17%)	6/6 (176, 88%)	2/6 (1, 17%)	
Severe			6/6 (17, 9%)	5/6 (5, 83%)	4/6 (4, 67%)
Aggressive	0/6	0/6	3/6 (3, 2%)	0/6	0/6
Eye, dilated	0/6	4/6 (6, 20%)	0/6	0/6	3/6 (3/6, 50%)



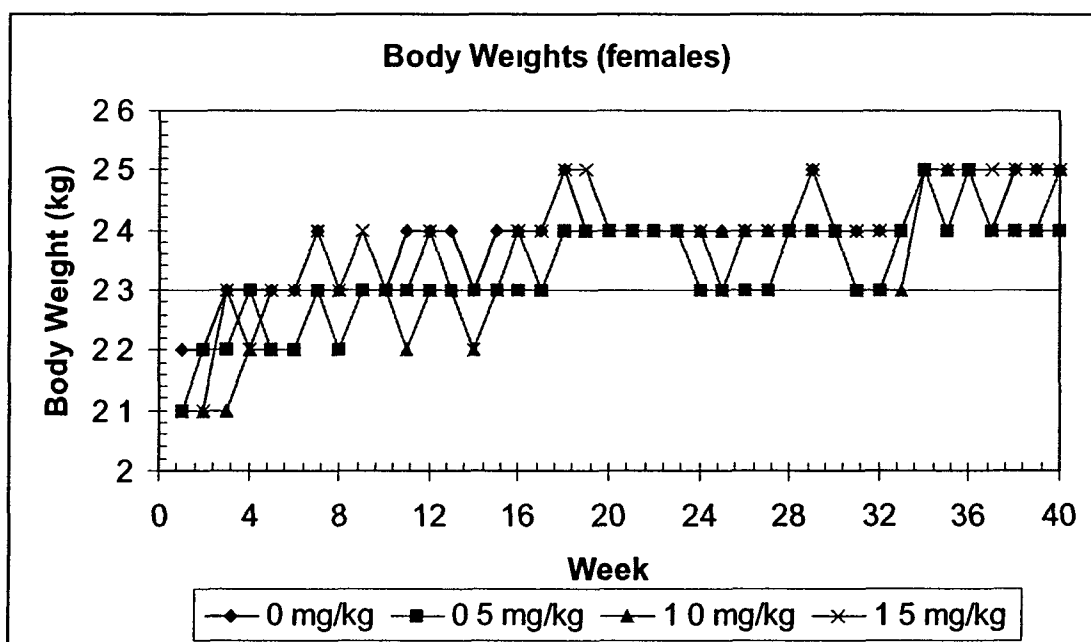
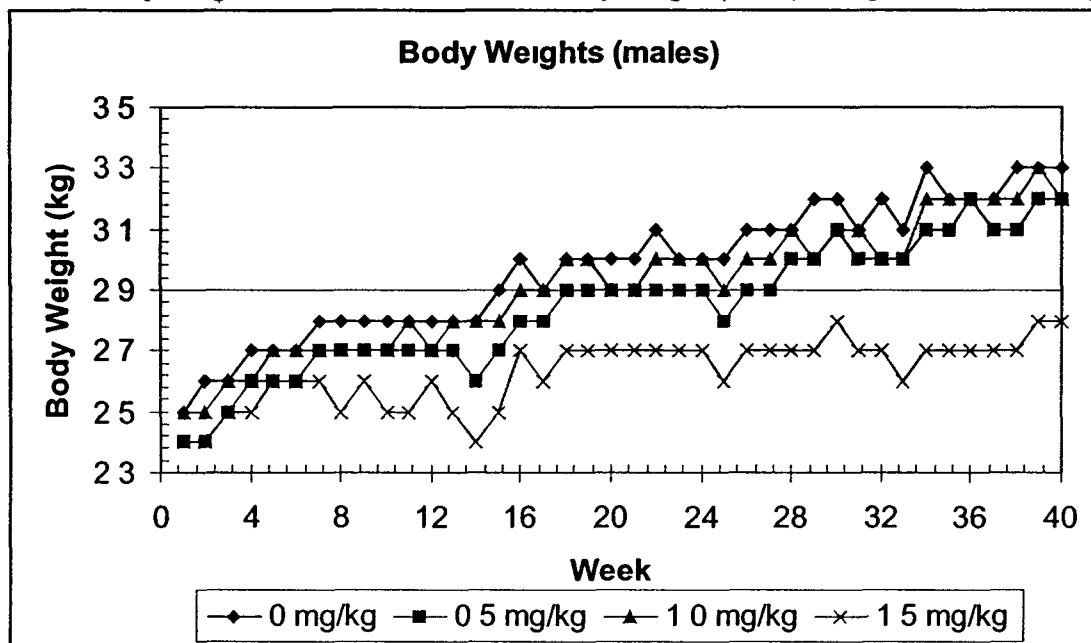
## Incidence of clinical signs in other dosed groups

	Males			Females		
	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1 mg/kg
Total Observations	240	160	160	240	240	160
Hyperactivity	2/6	2/4	4/4	0/6	1/4	4/4
Slight	(2, 1%)	2/4 (9, 6%)	4/4 (108, 68%)		1/4 (2, 1%)	4/4 (24, 15%)
Moderate			4/4 (17, 16%)			
Severe			1/4 (1, 1%)			
Aggressive	0/6	0/4	0/4	0/6	0/4	0/4
Eye, dilated	0/6	1/4 (2, 1%)	4/4 (14, 9%)	0/6	0/4	4/4 (9, 6%)

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## Body weights

Decreased body weight (-15%) in high dose males only



Food consumption	no significant effects
Ophthalmoscopy	No effects
Electrocardiography	No adverse effects observed
Hematology	No effects
Clinical chemistry	No effects
Urinalysis	No effects

**Organ weights****Relative Organ Weights (% of control)**

	Males				Female			
	0	0.3	1.0	1.5	0	0.3	1.0	1.5
Liver	1.7	1.7 (100%)	1.8 (106%)	2.0 (118%)	2.0	2.1 (105%)	2.2 (110%)	2.2 (110%)
Testis	0.49	0.40 (82%)	0.26 (53%)	0.21 (43%)	---	---	---	---

**Gross pathology**

One high dose male monkey (50267) had kidney aplasia

**Histopathology****Male**

	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
Pancreas, Chronic inflammation	0/4	0/4	0/4	1/3
Testes, juvenile	1/4	0/4	1/4	1/3
Prostate, Chronic inflammation	1/4	1/4	3/4	3/3
Injection site, Chronic inflammation	3/4	4/4	3/4	3/3
Injection site, Muscle necrosis	1/4	0/4	0/4	1/3
Injection site, Hemorrhage	2/4	2/4	3/4	1/3

**Female**

	0 mg/kg	0.3 mg/kg	1.0 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg
Brain, Foci of chronic inflammation	0/4	0/4	0/4	1/4
Stomach, Chronic inflammation	0/4	0/4	0/4	1/4
Pancreas, Chronic inflammation	0/4	0/4	1/4	1/4
Injection site, Chronic inflammation	4/4	3/4	4/4	4/4
Injection site, Muscle necrosis	0/4	0/4	0/4	0/4
Injection site, Hemorrhage	2/4	2/4	2/4	2/4

**Toxicokinetics**

Not done

**Key study findings**

- 1 A dose-dependent increase in hyperactivity was noted in males starting at 0.3 mg/kg and in females starting at 1.0 mg/kg. Dilated eyes were also observed at these doses, although this observation was primarily early in the study (first four weeks).
- 2 Decreased body weight was observed in males at 1.5 mg/kg.
- 3 Decreased testis weight was observed. Sponsor attributed decrease to juvenile testis, but only one juvenile testis was observed in the high dose group. In addition, there was a dose-dependent decrease in testis weight across the doses. Some decrease in testis weight was also observed in the 13 week monkey study.
- 4 Increased liver weight was observed in treated monkeys. This finding was also observed in the 13 week monkey study.

- 5 Small increases in chronic inflammation were observed in various organs, but the severity was generally minimal to slight Significance is uncertain

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## GENETIC TOXICOLOGY

***Study to Determine the Ability of Apomorphine to Induce Mutation in Four Histidine Requiring Strains of Salmonella typhimurium and Two Tryptophan-Requiring Strains of Escherichia coli***

Study no \_\_\_\_\_ 27/S1  
 Study type (if not reflected in title)  
 Volume #, and page # Section 5 / Volume 15 / Page 54  
 Conducting laboratory and location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of study initiation October 8, 1991  
 GLP compliance Yes  
 QA reports yes ( X ) no ( )  
 Drug, lot #, radiolabel, and % purity 103120, — % pure  
 Formulation/vehicle distilled water

**Methods**

Strains/species/cell line Salmonella typhimurium TA98, TA100, TA1535, TA1537,  
 Escherichia coli WP2 pKM101, WP2 uvrA pKM101  
 Dose selection criteria  
 Basis of dose selection cytotoxicity  
 Range finding studies cytotoxicity at 1000 mg/plate  
 Test agent stability  
 Metabolic activation system Aroclor 1254 induced male rat liver S9  
 Controls  
 Vehicle Yes  
 Negative controls solvent  
 Positive controls

Strain	-S9	+S9
TA98	2-Nitrofluorene	2-Aminoanthracene
TA100	Sodium Azide	2-Aminoanthracene
TA1535	Sodium Azide	---
TA1537	9-Aminoacridine	---
WP2 pKM101	4-Nitroquinoline-1-oxide	---
WP2 uvrA pKM101	4-Nitroquinoline-1-oxide	---

Comments  
 Exposure conditions  
 Incubation and sampling times 72 hour incubation  
 Doses used in definitive study